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THE VAMPIRE PRINCE

DARREN SHAN

ART BY TAKAHIRO ARAI

VOLUME

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THE SAGA OF
DARREN SHAN
THE VAMPIRE PRINCE

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A SUMMARY OF TRIALS OF DEATH:

FACING ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH FOR FAILING THE TRIALS OF INITIATION, DARREN CONSPIRES WITH KURDA AND GAVNER TO ESCAPE FROM VAMPIRE MOUNTAIN. BUT ALONG THE ESCAPE ROUTE, KURDA'S TRUE ALLIANCE WITH THE VAMPANEZE BECOMES APPARENT, AND GAVNER IS KILLED. HIS BEST RESISTANCE PROVEN FUTILE, CORNERED BY THE VAMPANEZE, DARREN'S ONLY ESCAPE IS THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN'S GIANT AQUEDUCT. SPURNING KURDA'S HAND OF RESCUE, DARREN THROWS HIMSELF INTO THE SWIRLING MAELSTROM THAT CARRIES HIM AWAY FROM VAMPIRE MOUNTAIN...

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...MAY
I BE
TRIUM-
PHANT
!!!

EVEN
IN
DEATH
...

CHAPTER 45: RAPIDS

...AND
SURREN-
DERED
MYSELF
TO THE
VICIOUS
FLOW
OF THE
STREAM.

I IGNORED
KURDA'S
HELPING
HAND...

...SWIFTLY
SWEPT
UNDER-
GROUND,
INTO THE
BELLY OF
VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN.

GOOD
KHOOGSU
AND I
HEADED
INTO
DARK-
NESS,
INTO
CERTAIN
DEATH...



CHAPTER 45: RAPIDS



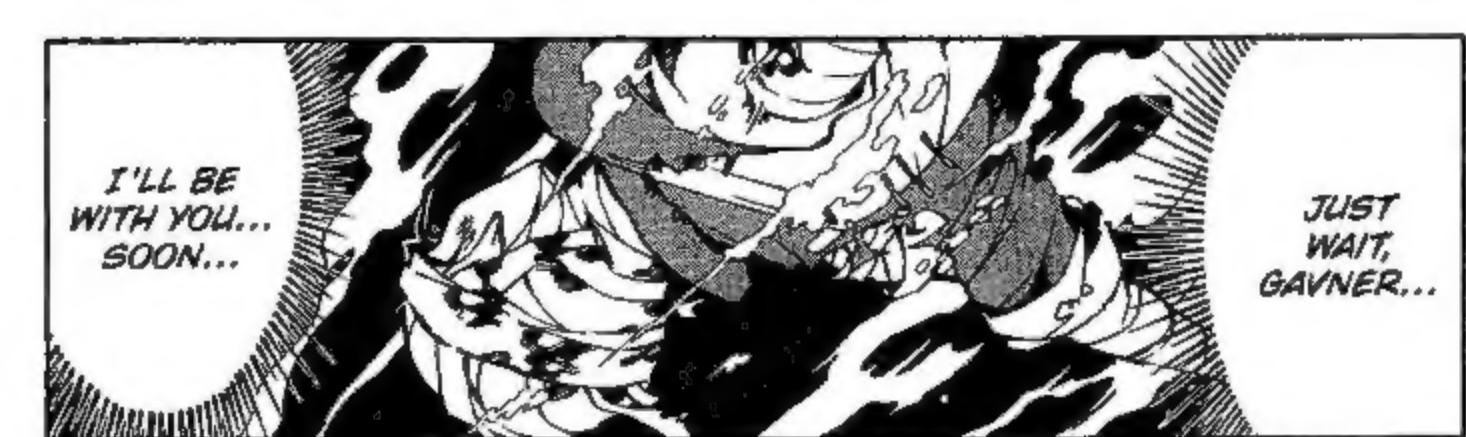
STRANGE-
LY, THERE
WAS NO
PAIN, NO
FEAR...



...SHARP
EDGES
CUTTING
ME
DEEPLY
ALL
OVER.



I WAS
DRAGGED
AGAINST
ROCKS,
AGAINST
THE
WALLS...



I'LL BE
WITH YOU...
SOON...

JUST
WAIT,
GAVNER...



GAZU
(GRASSHOPPER)



WE'LL
GO INTO
THAT
DARK
NIGHT
...

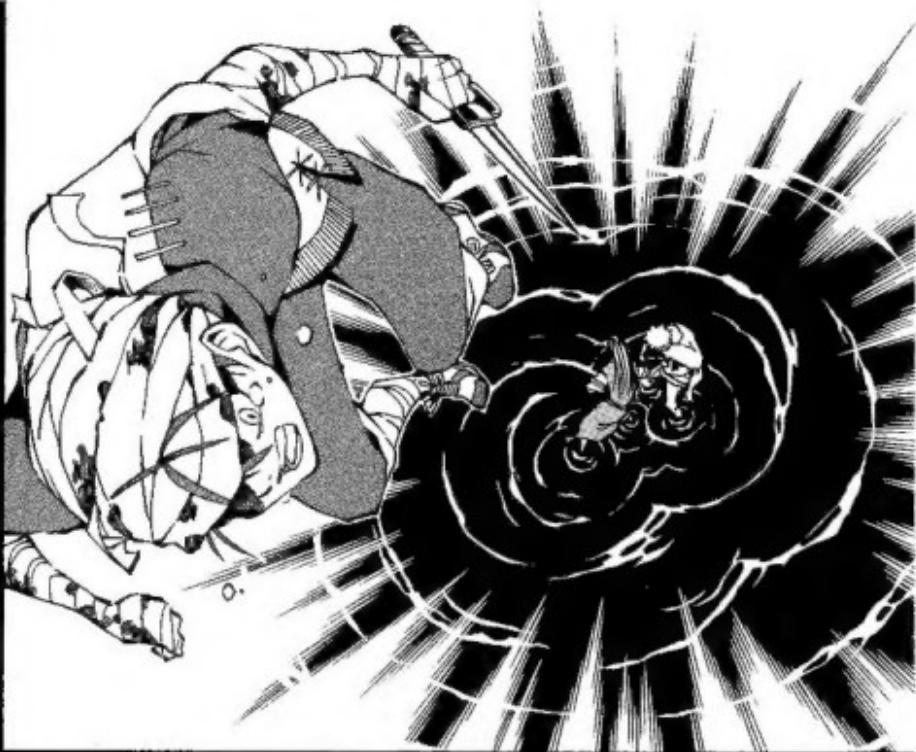


...TO-
GETH-
ER.

GO
CZWORMO





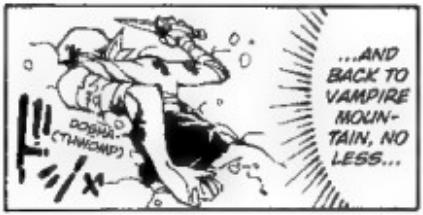






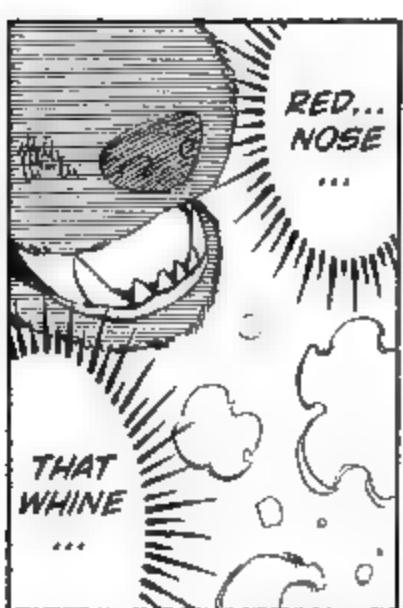






I CAN'T
FEEL
PAIN ANY-
MORE...
JUST THE
COLD.









I CAN'T
GO ON,
STREAK...

IT'S
NO
USE.

GUGU
CHANDO

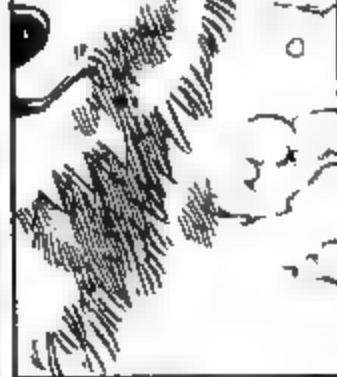
YEOW
!!

GAPU
CHONO

I'M
STAND-
ING...

STAY
BACK,
YOU NO-
GOOD—

STOP
IT!









CHAPTER 46:

THE TRAITOR'S PLOT



...AND
THE
COLD NO
LONGER
CUT ME
TO THE
BONE.
...

MY
PAINS
HAD
FINALLY
EASED

IT HAD
BEEN
PERHAPS
A WEEK
SINCE I
JOINED
STREAK'S
PACK.

AS A HALF-
VAMPIRE, I
WAS FASTER
THAN THE
WOLVES, AND
MY SERVICES
WERE IN
GREAT DEMAND.

I
RECOVERED
ENOUGH
STRENGTH
THAT I
COULD GO
HUNTING
WITH THE
PACK.

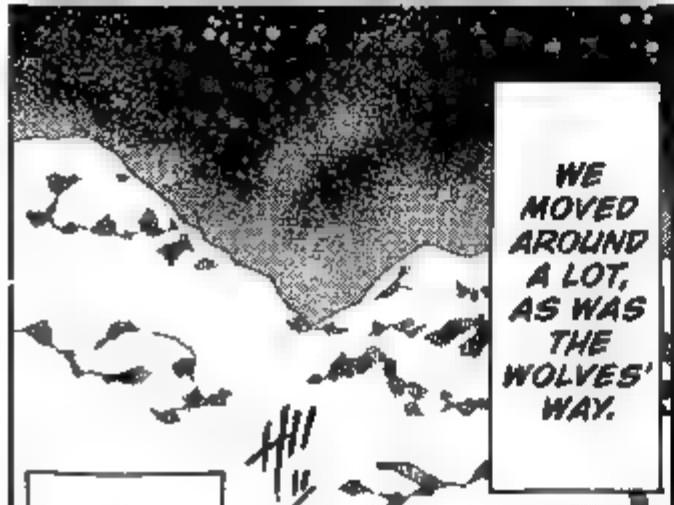
IF IT
WASN'T
FOR THE
WOLVES, I
WOULDN'T
BE ALIVE
NOW.

MY
VERY
LIFE IS
THANKS
TO THEM.

...
BRINGING
ME MEAT
AND
BERRIES
TO EAT.
...

STREAK
HELPED
FEED ME
AS MY
STRENGTH
RETURNED
...

THE FEW
DAYS THAT I
COULD BARELY
MOVE AND
HAD TO LAP AT
THE MOTHER
WOLF'S TEAT
WERE LIKE A
BAD DREAM
BY THEN.



WE
MOVED
AROUND
A LOT,
AS WAS
THE
WOLVES'
WAY.



I GRADUALLY
LEARNED
TO UNDER-
STAND THE
WOLVES'
ACTIONS.

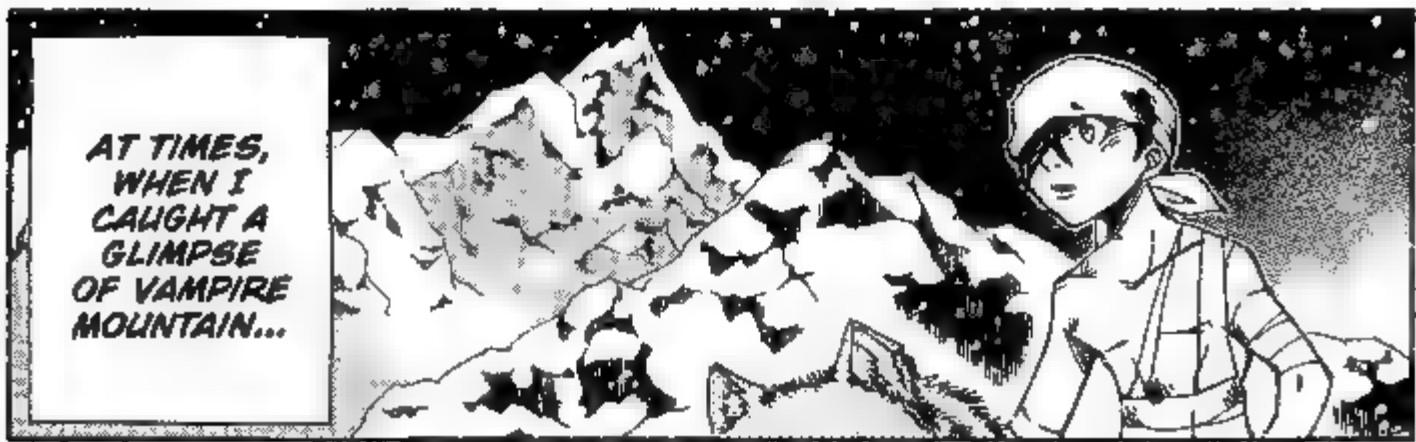


**THEY
SHARE
MANY
SIMILARI-
TIES WITH
VAMPIRES.**



THE
WOLVES
SEEMED
ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND
EVERYTHING
I SAID.

HA-HA,
YOU'VE
GOT
SNOW
ON YOUR
SNOUT.

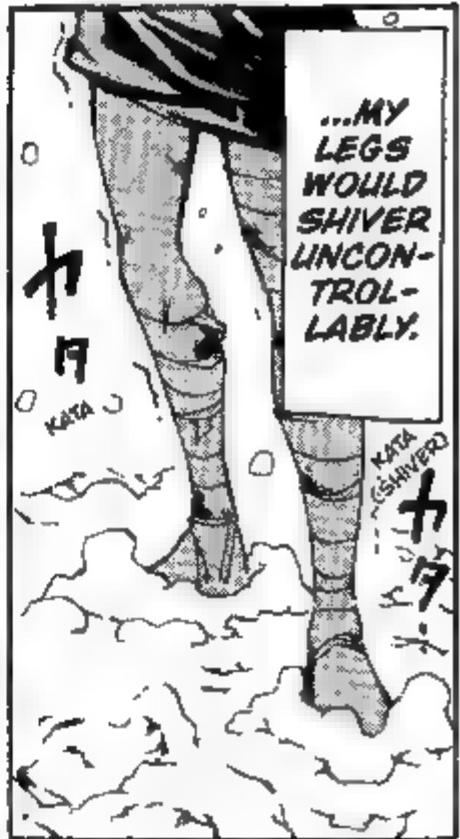


**AT TIMES,
WHEN I
CAUGHT A
GLIMPSE
OF VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN...**



YOU
DON'T
WANT
ME TO
GO?

WHAT'S
THAT,
BUD?



...MY
LEGS
WOULD
SHIVER
UNCON-
TROL-
LABLY.

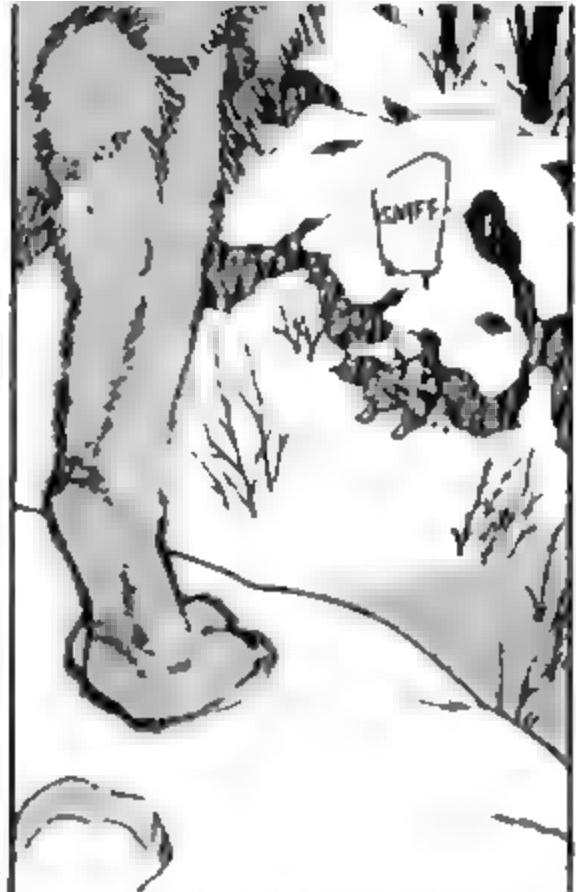


**YOU
MUST BE
WORRIED.**











TUSWA
CROWN



UNLIKE
THE GROUP
HUNTS,
WE WERE
FREE TO
LOLLOP
ABOUT
AS WE
PLEASED!



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
STREAK?



ARE
THOSE...
PEOPLE
OVER
THERE...?







KURDA
!!!!







OF COURSE, HE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.



WE TRACED HIS PATH THROUGH THE TUNNELS.



THE ABSENCE OF HIS MENTAL SIGNAL MEANS HE BREATHES NO LONGER.

AT LEAST WE KNOW THAT GAVNER IS DEAD.





KURDA,
WORRIED
THAT I
MIGHT HAVE
SURVIVED,
OFFERED TO
ASSIST.



THEY'RE
HEAVILY
ARMED, LIKE
KURDA.

HE MUST
HAVE
BROUGHT
THE OTHER
TWO.



MR.
CREPSLEY
IS LOOKING
FOR SIGNS
OF ME, AND
ARRA IS
TAGGING
ALONG.



HE MUST HAVE
TALKED THEM
INTO HIS WAY OF
THINKING BEFORE
THEY LEARNED
THE WAYS OF
THE CLAN.

THOSE
VAMPIRES
ARE YOUNG.
KURDA LIKELY
RECRUITED
THEM HIMSELF.



KURDA HAS PUT
TOGETHER HIS OWN
ARMY, LOYAL ONLY
TO HIM...

MATURE
VAMPIRES VALUE
HONOUR AND LOYALTY—
THEY'D NEVER DREAM
OF BEING IN CAHOOTS
WITH A TRAITOR!!



THAT
WAY HIS
BETRAYAL
WILL REMAIN
A SECRET
FOR GOOD
...

IF I'M
SPOTTED
ALIVE...
...HE AND
HIS MEN
WILL KILL
ME, ARRA,
AND MR.
CREPSLEY.



...IS BEYOND MY GRASP, AND WE CANNOT LOOK FOR HIM WITH THE STONE OF BLOOD YET.

THE ODDS ARE STACKED AGAINST HIS BEING ALIVE, BUT UNTIL WE HAVE PROOF THAT HE IS DEAD, I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT IT.



THERE IS KURDA'S INVESTITURE TO PREPARE FOR, COMING JUST THE NIGHT AFTER NEXT.



NO. IF WE DO NOT LOCATE HIS BODY TONIGHT, WE MUST ABANDON THE SEARCH.



IF HE CAN BE FOUND, WE'LL GO ON SEARCHING.

YOUR
PEOPLE EXPECT
YOU TO SPEND
TOMORROW
FASTING AND
PREPARING
FOR THE
INVESTITURE.

BUT
DAR-
REN—

SO
KURDA'S
GOING
TO BE A
VAMPIRE
PRINCE
...



NO. YOUR
INVESTITURE AS
A PRINCE TAKES
PRECEDENCE
ABOVE ALL
ELSE.



YOU ARE
A TRUE
FRIEND.
THANK
YOU.

I WON'T
REST UNTIL
WE KNOW
FOR SURE
IF DARREN
IS ALIVE
OR DEAD!

BUT
THIS
ISN'T
THE END
OF IT.



I OUGHT TO
JUMP OUT AND
STAB YOU DEAD
WITH GAVNER'S
KNIFE, RIGHT HERE
AND NOW!!

PRE-
TENDING — HYP-
TO BE CRU-
UPSET!





THEY COULD
TRACE HIM WITH
THE STONE OF
BLOOD.

OF
COURSE

EVEN THE STONE
CANNOT FIND
DARREN.

NO, THEIR
GOAL MUST
BE SOMETHING ELSE.

WHY
GO TO ALL
THAT RISK
OVER A
BUNCH OF
CAVES?

...BUT
THERE
ARE MANY
VAMPIRES
WHO DIDN'T
ATTEND THE
COUNCIL.

THEY
WOULD HAVE
COME HERE
AND SOLICIT
REVENGE.

THE
STONE OF
BLOOD
!!!

AND
ONLY A
VAMPIRE
PRINCE
CAN OPEN
THE DOORS
TO THE
HALL.

BUT THE
STONE IS
MAGICALLY
PROTEC-
TED IN THE
HALL OF
PRINCES.

NOT ONLY THAT,
THE STONE CAN
SUPPOSEDLY BE
USED TO SAVE THE
VAMPIRES FROM
THE DREADED
LORD OF THE
VAMPAENEZE.

WITH IT,
THE VAM-
PANEZE
COULD
DESTROY
THE VAM-
PIRES AT
WILL!

ONLY A
VAMPIRE
PRINCE!

IF THAT'S
TRUE, IT'S THE
ONE THING THAT
STANDS BETWEEN
THE VAMPAENEZE
AND TOTAL
VICTORY!!







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THE CEREMONY FOR HIS INVESTITURE TOMORROW IS THE FINAL TIME LIMIT TO SAVE THE VAMPIRE RACE!

KURDA CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO GET HIS HANDS ON THE STONE OF BLOOD.

CHAPTER 47: MAGDA THE GUIDE





LET GO,
RUDI.
THAT
HURTS.



LULU
CORRIDO



I DOUBT
WE'LL
EVER MEET
AGAIN,
RUDI...





IT'S
THE OLD
SHE-WOLF
WHO LIVES
AT THE
EDGES
OF THE
PACK...





YOU
KNOW
HOW
TO GET
INSIDE!!

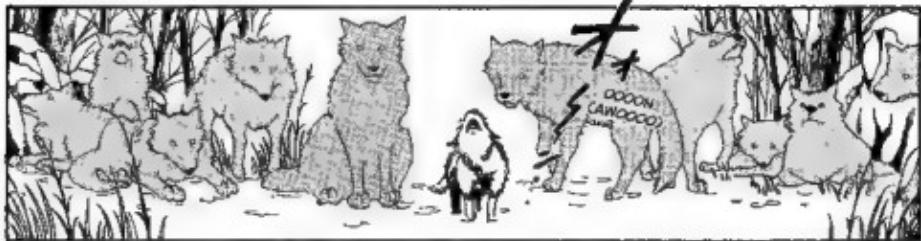


...BUT I'VE SORRY
SIMPLY GOT TO PUSH
TO MEET WITH YOU LIKE
THE PRINCES. IT'S TOO
IMPORTANT.



THANK
YOU FOR
EVERY-
THING!!!

BYE,
RUDI!
BYE,
EVERY-
ONE!!

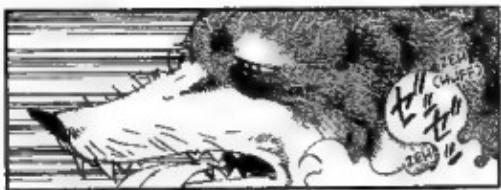


...MAKING
GREAT
TIME.

WE
BURGED
THROUGH
THE FOREST,
ACROSS
SNOW AND
ROCKS...

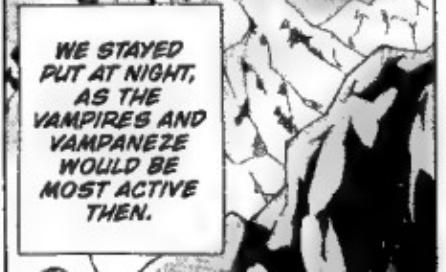
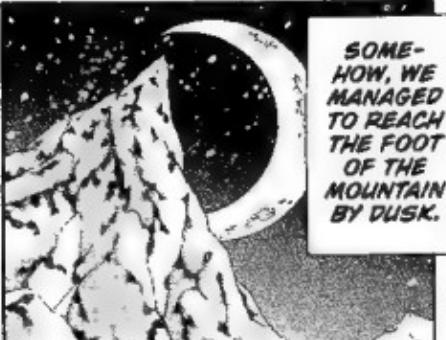
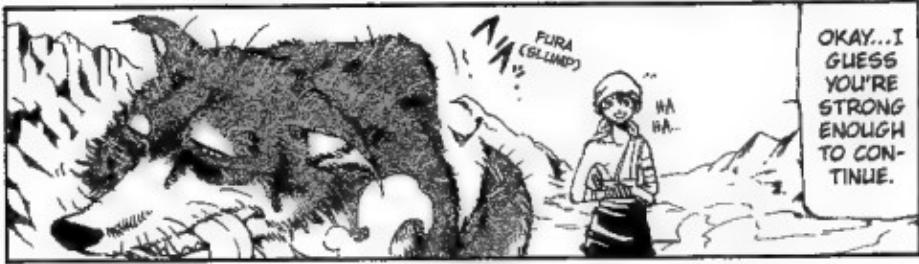


STREAK AND
TWO YOUNG
MALE WOLVES
JOINED THE
OLD SHE-WOLF
AND I ON OUR
JOURNEY TO VAMPIRE
MOUNTAIN.



IT'S MY
GRAND-
MOTHER'S
NAME.

SAY,
CAN I
CALL YOU
"MAGDA"?





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SFX: GARURU LIO (GRRRL RUFF)



VAMPANEZE!
AND THE ONE
IN THE BACK
WAS WITH
KURDA...

I THINK HIS
NAME WAS...
GLADIA?

I OUGHT
TO CUT
THEM TO
PIECES
BEFORE
THEY
BRING THE
VAMPIRES
DOWN ON
US!!

WE
KEEP
THINGS
QUIET
UNTIL
THEN.

THE
CEREMONY
WILL BE
STARTING
SHORTLY.

NO,
THEY'RE
ONLY
BARKING
BECAUSE
OF US.
THEY'LL
STOP
ONCE WE
LEAVE.

I'VE BEEN
ON EDGE
TOO MUCH
THESE
DAYS.

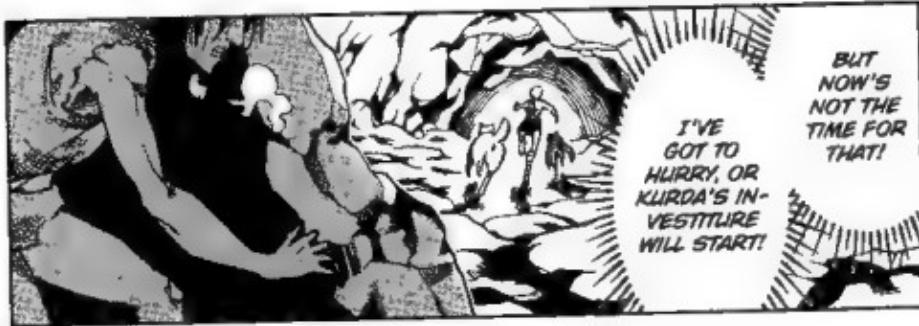
OR
MAYBE
THAT'S
JUST MY
IMAGINA-
TION.

GARURUMON
GARURU

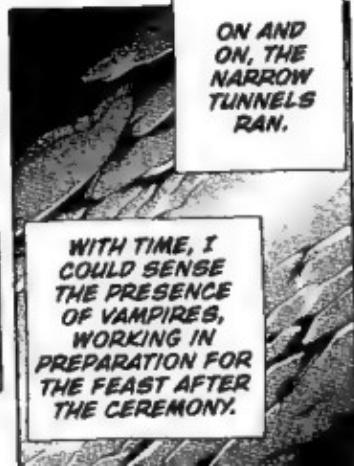
SFX: FU CHEH...

...IT
HAS THE
STINK OF
VAM-
PIRES
ON IT.

BUT
THIS ONE...



THIS IS GREAT, MAGDA!



WITH TIME, I COULD SENSE THE PRESENCE OF VAMPIRES, WORKING IN PREPARATION FOR THE FEAST AFTER THE CEREMONY.



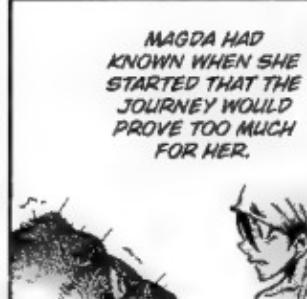
I ONLY JUST
NOTICED—
NO, MAYBE
I'VE BEEN
PRETENDING
NOT TO NOTICE
THIS WHOLE
TIME...



MAG...
DA...



SHE DIDN'T
WANT TO
STRUGGLE
ALONG WITH
THE PACK
UNTIL DEATH
CLAIMED
HER.



MAGDA HAD
KNOWN WHEN SHE
STARTED THAT THE
JOURNEY WOULD
PROVE TOO MUCH
FOR HER.



WAIT
HERE
AND
WE'LL
COLLECT
YOU
LATER.



SHE
CHOSE TO
DIE BEING
USEFUL TO
SOMEONE.



SHE
CHOSE
TO
MAKE
IT ALL
THE
SAME.

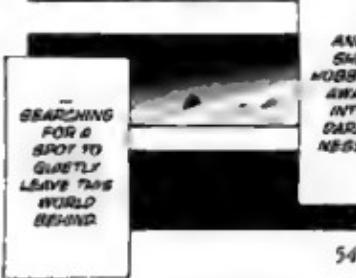
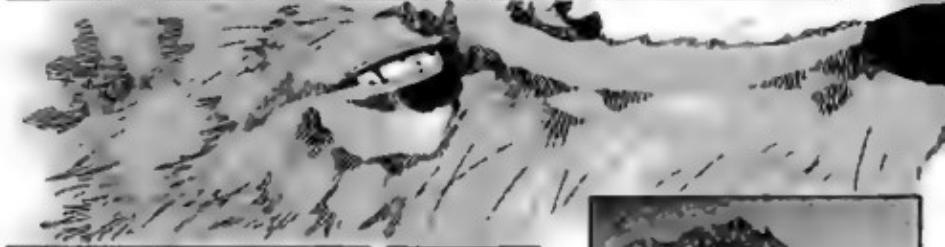


IF YOU
JUST LIE
DOWN
AND REST,
I'M SURE
YOU'LL...



YOU WERE
PREPARED
FOR THIS TO
HAPPEN...





YOU
GUIDED
ME TO
THE VERY
PLACE I
NEEDED
TO BE...

THIS IS
BRIL-
LIANT,
MAGDA
...

WHAT
DOES IT
MEAN TO
DIE?

...THE
HALL OF
PRINCES.

COME
IN,
THOMAS

GH
CREAKS





WE DO
NOT HAVE
TIME FOR...

THE
INVESTI-
TURE IS
A MERE
TWO
HOURS
AWAY.



IS THAT...
D-
DARRE
...?



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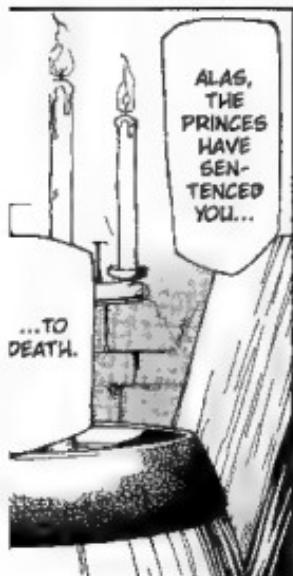
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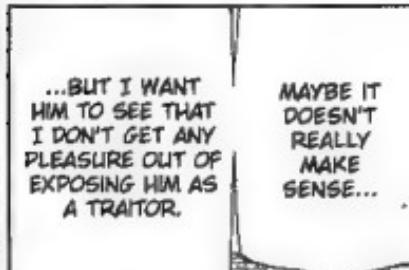


CHAPTER 48: INVESTITURE









THE PRINCES WILL SEE NO ONE UNTIL THE CEREMONY. THEY WILL STAY SEALED IN THE HALL OF PRINCES.

LISTEN CLOSELY, DARREN. THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO REVEAL KURDA'S TREACHERY IS IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS INVESTITURE!



THIS CEREMONY IS THE ONE TIME IT IS ALLOWED TO BRING WEAPONS INTO THE CHAMBER.

THE PROBLEM WILL BE THAT EVERYONE SHALL BE ARMED.



THEN, I
SURVIVED
THE FE-
ROCIOUS
STREAM
...

IF I HADN'T
FAILED THE
TRIALS, I NEVER
WOULD HAVE
LEARNED OF THE
VAMPANEZE
PLOT.

FINALLY,
MAGDA
KNEW JUST
WHERE TO
LEAD ME...

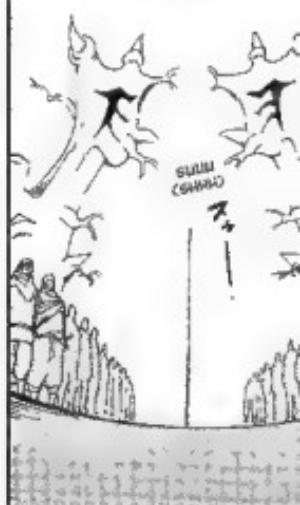
...AND WAS
RESCUED IN
THE NICK OF
TIME BY RUDI
AND STREAK.

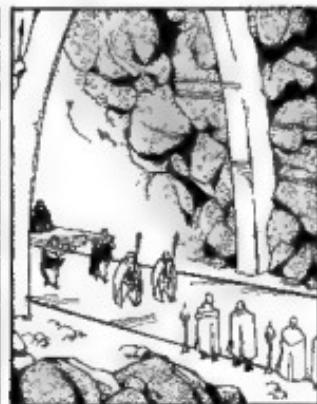
IS THIS THE
LUCK OF THE
VAMPIRES...
OR DESTINY?

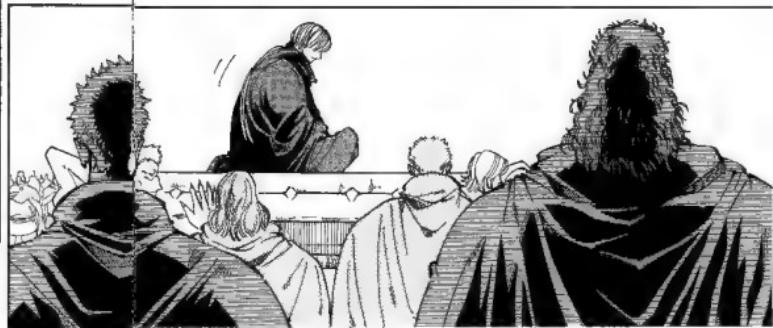
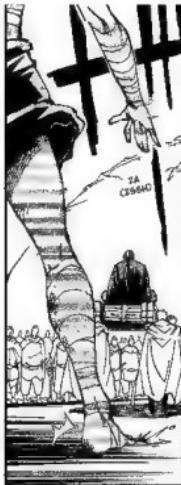
CONSPIRING
TO MAKE IT
HAPPEN THIS
WAY...

I'M NOT ONE
TO BELIEVE
IN FATE, BUT
IT'S ALMOST
AS IF SOME
GREAT UNSEEN
POWER IS
BRINGING THIS
ABOUT...

AND NOW IT
BEGINS!!



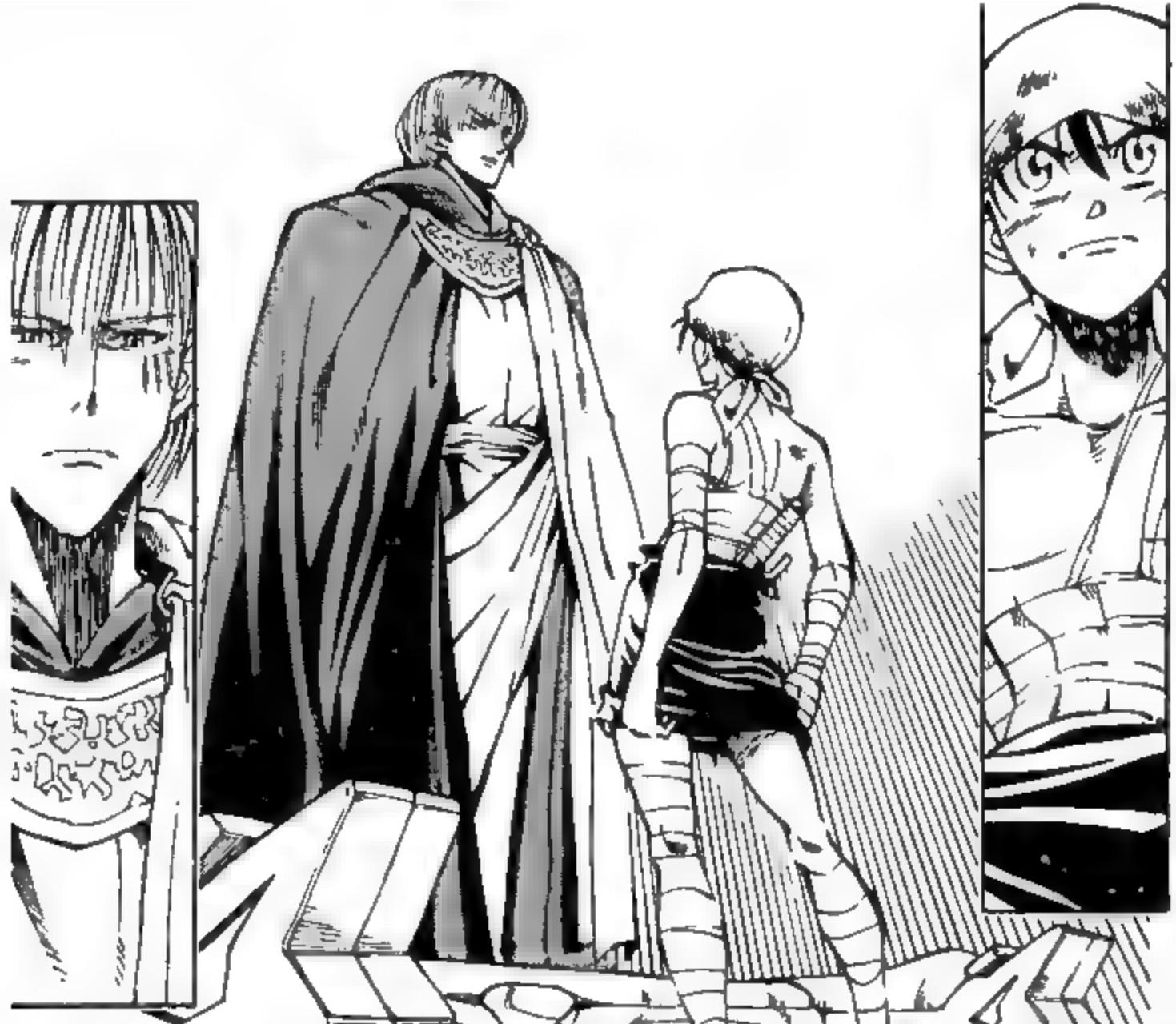












SIRE,
YOU WILL
UNDER-
STAND ONCE
YOU HAVE
HEARD WHY
DARREN HAS
RETURNED TO
OUR MIDST!!

NEVER
BEFORE
HAS ANYONE
INTERRUPTED
THE INVE-
STITURE OF A
PRINCE!!



ENOUGH,
SEBA! WHY
DO YOU
INSIST ON
TAKING THE
SIDE OF THIS
COWARD??!

REMOVE
THEM BOTH
FROM THE
HALL!!



SUCH
SLAN-
DER!!

HOW
DARE
YOU !!



...NO ONE
HAS EVER
SOUGHT
TO INVEST
A TRAITOR
BEFORE,
EITHER!!

DODO
CAMURAMURO



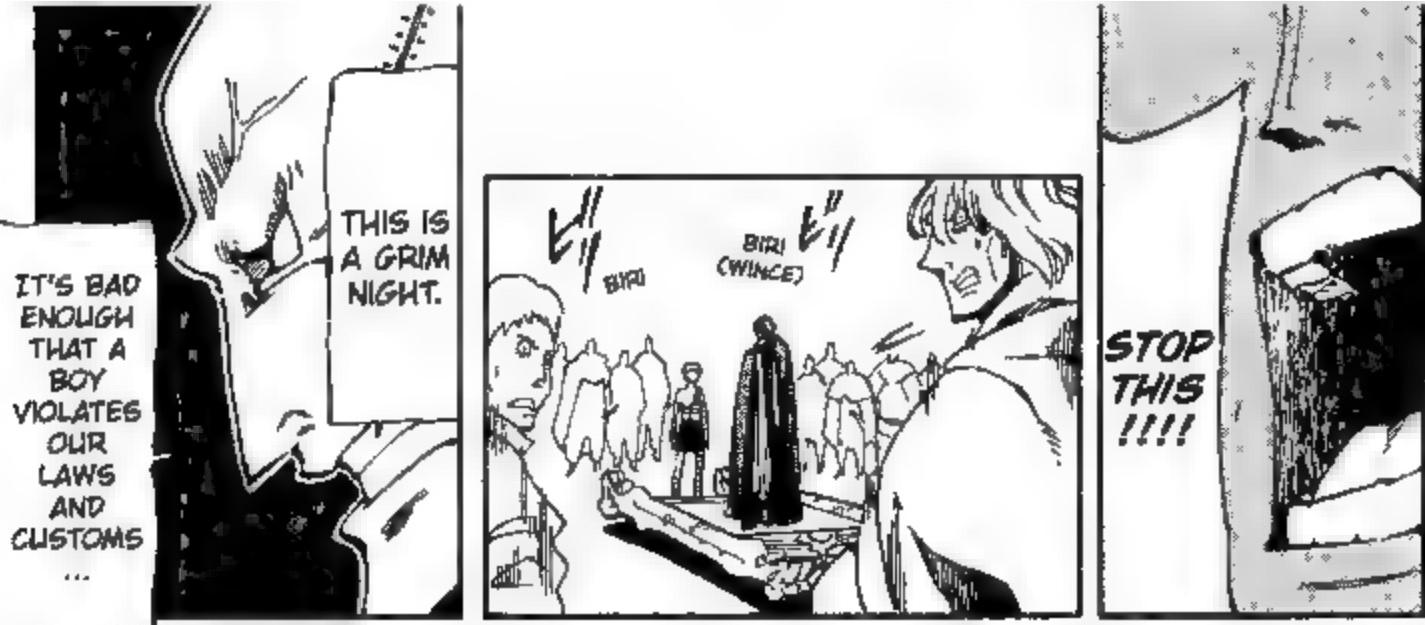
NO,
WAIT!



IT MAY BE
TRUE THAT NO
ONE HAS IN-
TERRUPTED AN
INVESTITURE
BEFORE.

BUT I
SAY...







IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT A BOY VIOLATES OUR LAWS AND CUSTOMS ...

THIS IS A GRIM NIGHT.

BIRI WINCES

STOP THIS !!!!



BUT HE CALLED KURDA A TRAITOR!

...BEHAVE LIKE A PACK OF BARBARIANS ...

...BUT WHEN FULLY BLOODED VAMPIRES WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER ...



...TO SUFFER THE FATE HE DESERVES!!

WERE IT UP TO ME, ARROW, I'D HAVE THIS BOY BOUND AND GAGGED AND TAKEN TO THE HALL OF DEATH...



...THEN I, FOR ONE, AM LOATH TO DISREGARD HIM.

IF SEBA NILE SAYS WE SHOULD LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY...

...HAS SPOKEN UP ON THE BOY'S BEHALF.

BUT ONE WE ALL KNOW, TRUST, AND ADMIRE...



THAT'S RIGHT!

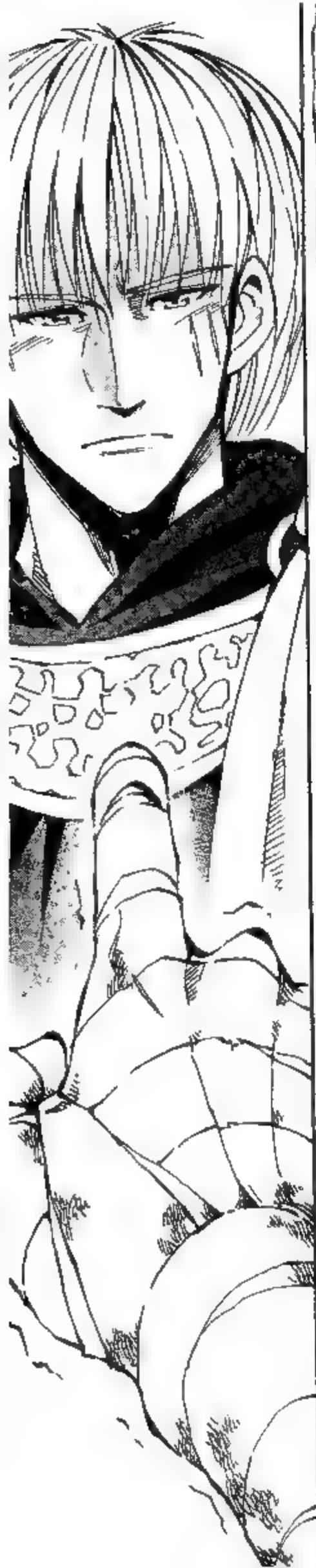


THANK YOU, SIRE

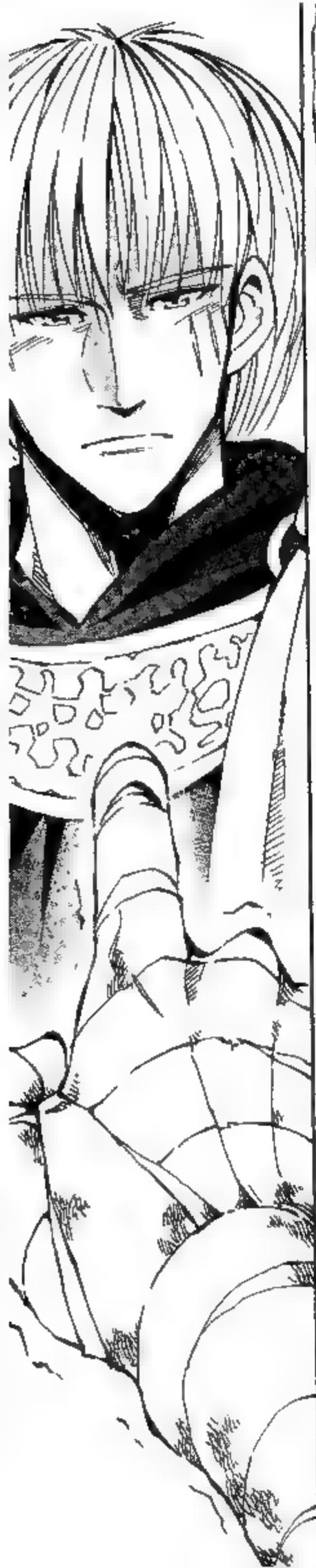


IN-DEED !!

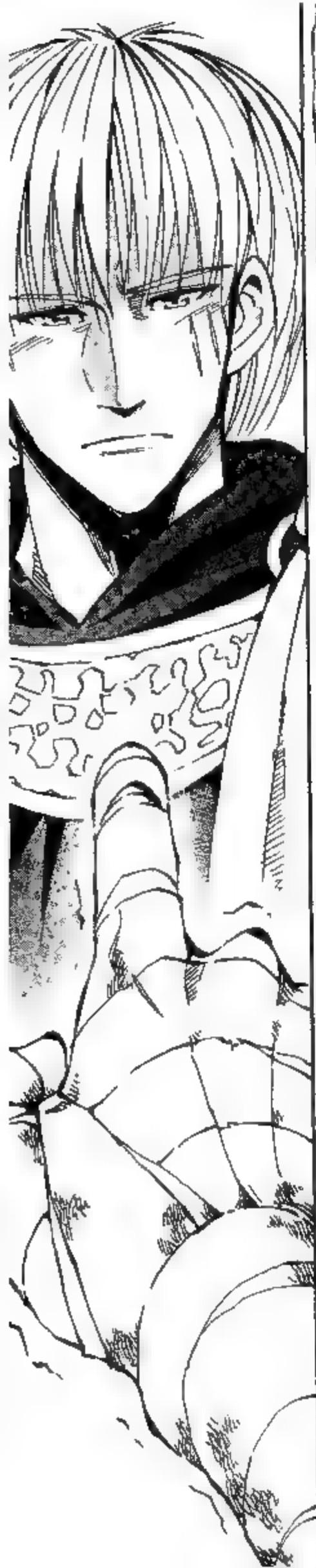
KILL HIM!



GAVNER PURL,
THE VAMPIRE
GENERAL GONE
MISSING, WAS
MURDERED.



...AS
WELL AS
THE
MURDER
OF
GAVNER
...
AND THE
VAMPANEZE
INFILTRA-
TION...



...WERE
THE ACTS
OF ONE
SINGLE
VAMPIRE...





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KURDA
HAS
BETRAYED

...

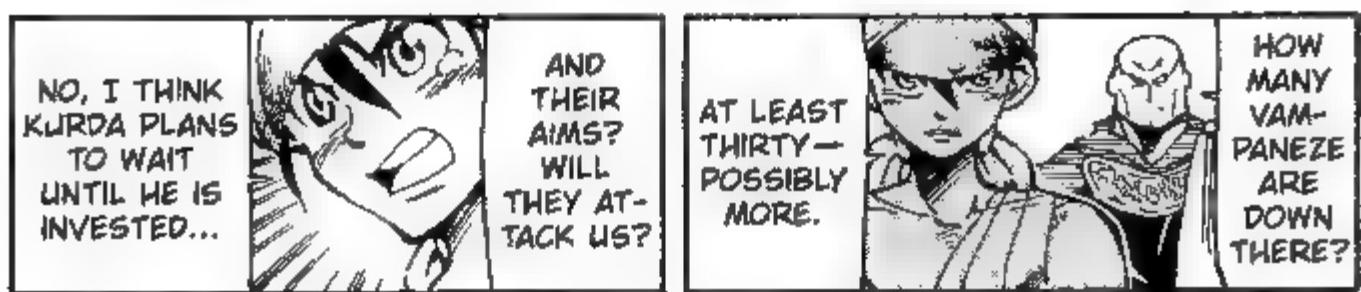
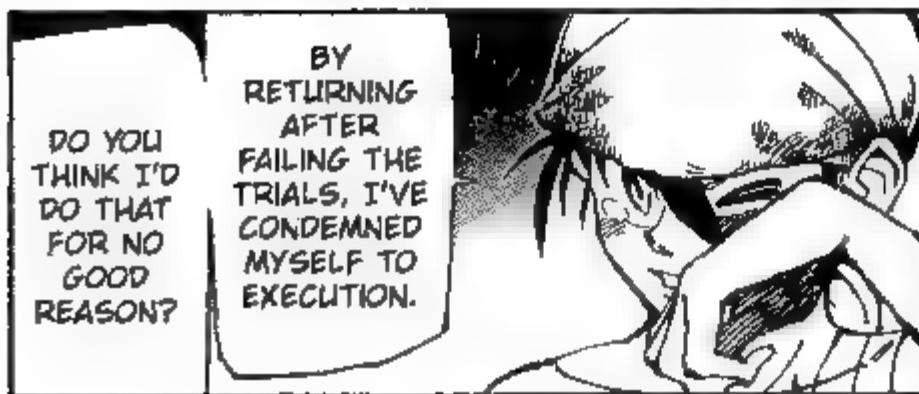


CHAPTER 49: ACCUSATION



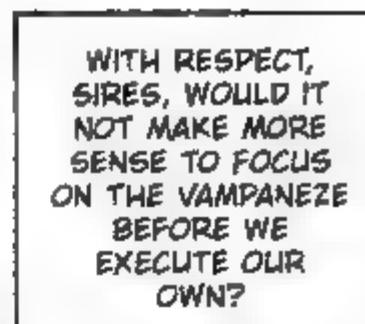
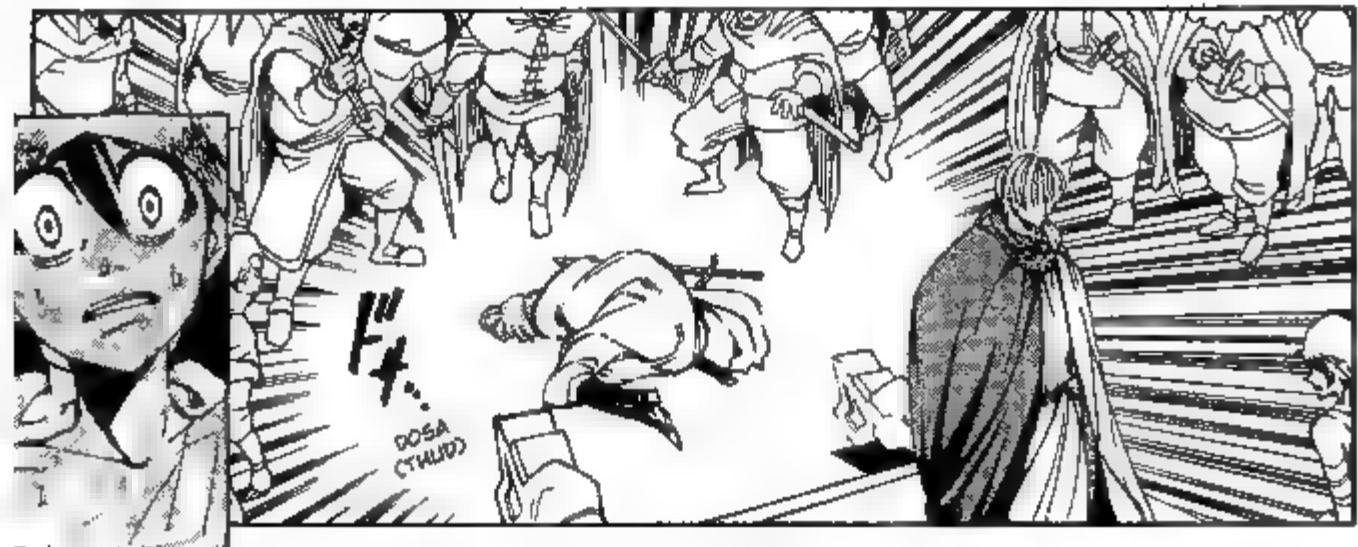
...THE
ENTIRE
VAMPIRE
CLAN!!!











WE WILL
SEE THE
PRESENT
DANGER
DEALT
WITH!

WHEN
WE HAVE DE-
CIDED ON AN
IMMEDIATE
COURSE OF
ACTION,
WE SHALL
INFORM
YOU.

X X
X X
X X

OO CRAHHH

WE WILL
RETIRE
TO THE
HALL OF
PRINCES
WITH
DARREN!



I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS I HAVE TO STAY BEHIND AND GUARD THE HALL.

SO YOUNG AND BLOOD-THIRSTY.

...UNTIL EVERY LAST ONE HAS BEEN DROPPED ON THE STAKES IN THE HALL OF DEATH.



BUT NOW, WE'VE GOT VAMPAENEZ TO KILL. I WON'T REST...

...NOT SET IN MOTION A SERIES OF WITCH HUNTS. BUT THIS IS THE TIME TO PULL TOGETHER AS ONE ...

IT'S A DEAL.



EASY, MY FRIEND. LEAVE ENOUGH FOR ME TO WHET MY BLADE ON!



YOU ARE TOO KIND.

HEH HEH HEH

ONE OF US WILL RELIEVE YOU BEFORE THE END. WE'LL LET YOU MOP UP THE STRAGGLERS.

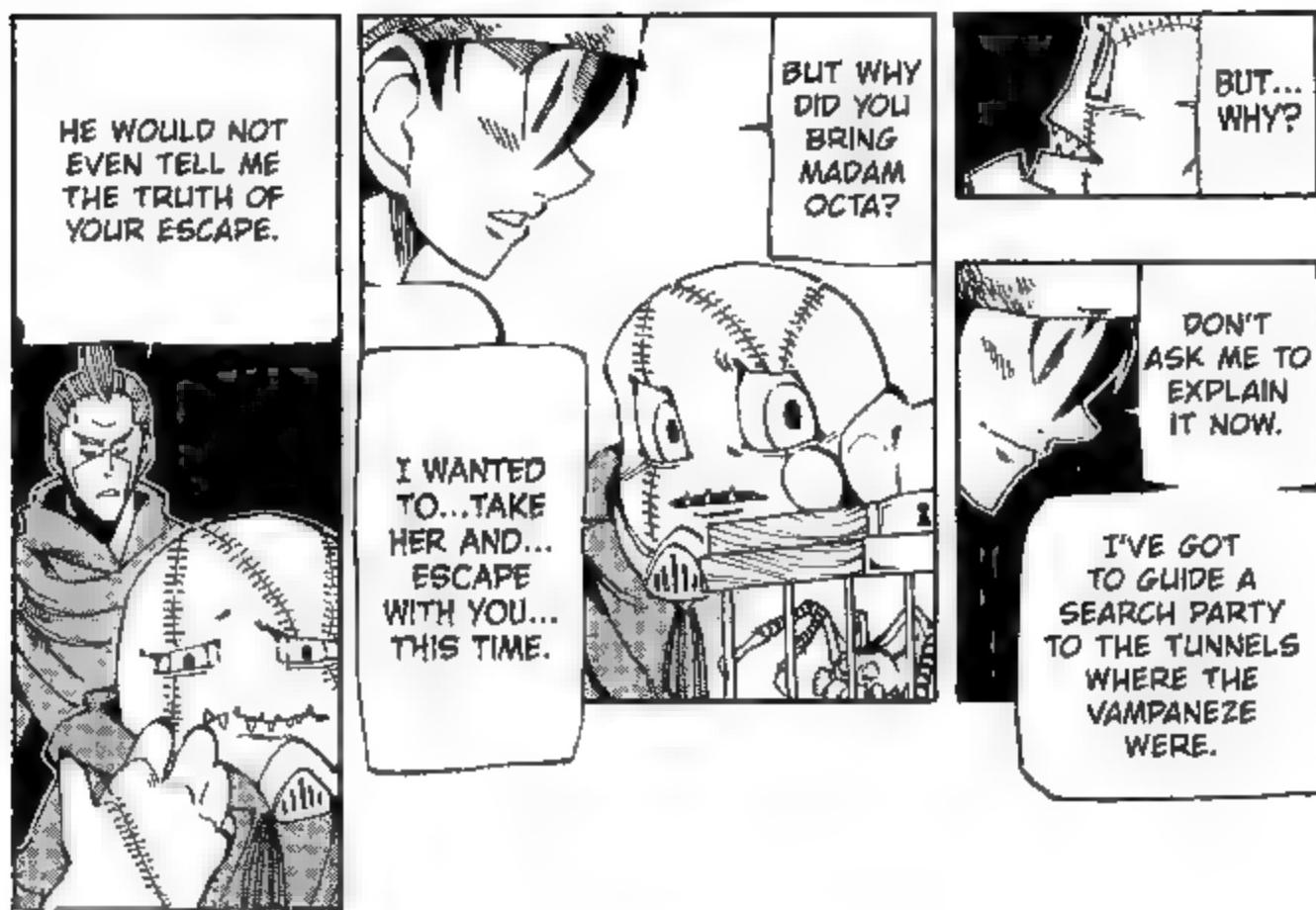
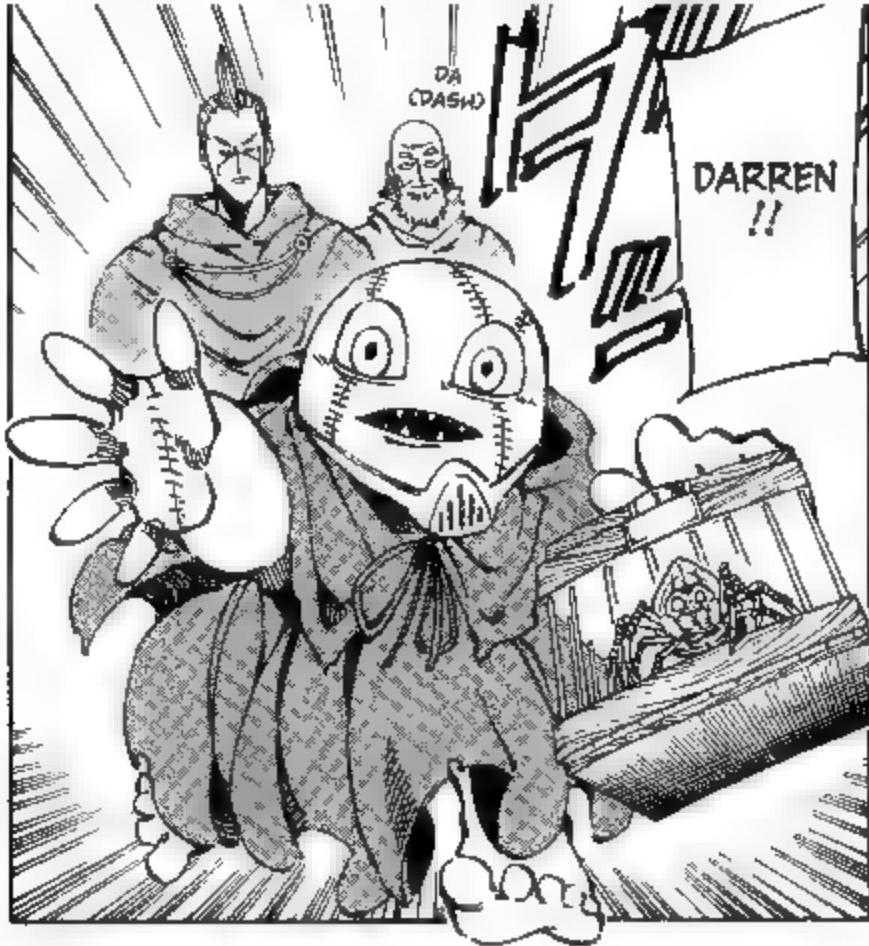
GUGU CHRRR

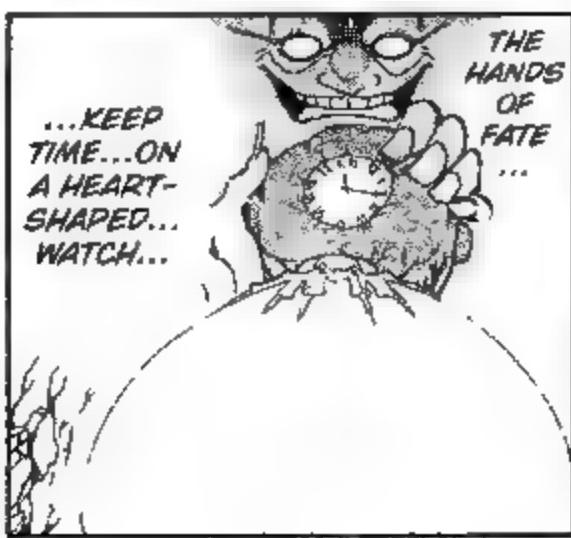
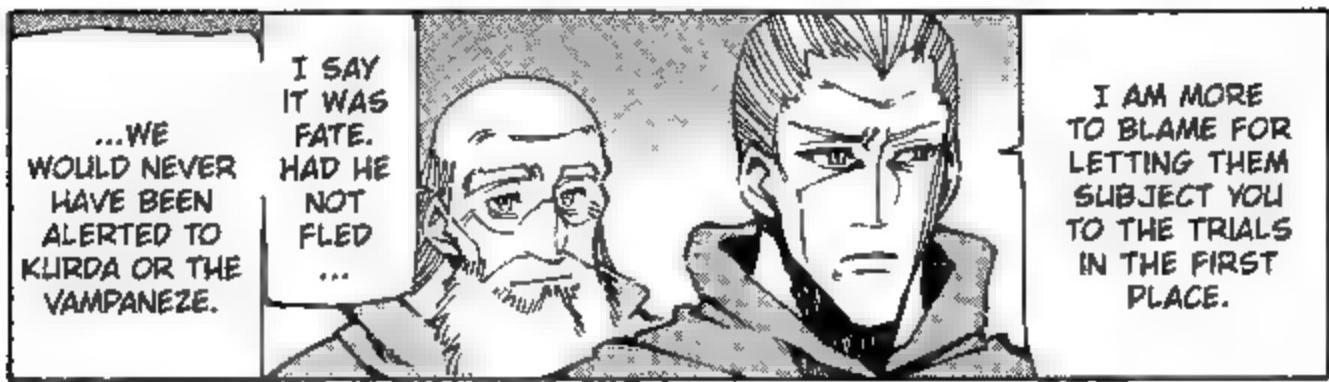
ZAWA CHURMURU

DARREN WILL GO WITH THEM TO SHOW THEM THE INHABITED CAVES.

BUT THAT COMES LATER. FIRST, LET US SUMMON OUR BEST TRACKERS.

YES!





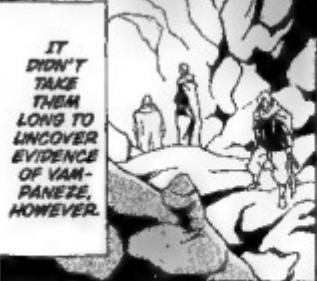




WHEN I LED THE PARTY BACK TO THE ORIGINAL CAVE, IT WAS DESERTED.



UNTIL I CAN AVENGE HIM.



IT DIDN'T TAKE THEM LONG TO UNCOVER EVIDENCE OF VAM-PANEZE, HOWEVER.



YES, BUT IT WAS VAM-PANEZE, ALL RIGHT.



THEY SURE COVERED THEIR TRACKS.



WE BROUGHT YOU DOWN TO SHOW US THE CAVE.



YES, BUT I WANT TO COME WITH YOU.

CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY BACK TO THE HALLS FROM HERE, DARREN?

...ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL BE BACK WHEN WE FIND THE VAM-PANEZE.

HARKAT
HAS BEEN
TAKING
GOOD CARE
OF YOUR SPIDER.

MADAM
OCTA
LOOKS
WELL!



...BUT
THERE'S
STILL MY
FAILURE IN
THE TRIALS
TO DEAL
WITH.

YOU
MAY WIND
UP WITH
HER YET.
I SEEM TO
HAVE WON
BACK MY
HONOUR...



HE
OFFERED TO
GIVE HER TO
ME WHEN YOU
DISAPPEARED,
BUT I TOLD
HIM TO HANG
ON TO HER.



...THEY
WON'T
PUNISH... SURE-
YOU FOR... LY...
THAT NOW?



THEY
ARE IN
A LONG,
NARROW
CAVE
NEAR THE
EXTERIOR!

ROUGHLY
FORTY IN
NUMBER!

WE'VE
DISCOVERED
THE LOCA-
TION OF THE
VAMPAÑEZE!

REPORT-
ING!

VANEZ
AND
ARRA
ARE
BACK!

HAD
TANA

THE
GROUND
IS STEEP
WHERE THE
TUNNEL
OPENS
OUT...

...AND WE
CONFIRMED
SENTRIES
AT THE
MOUTH.

...SO
THEY
CAN FLIT
AWAY AND
ESCAPE
IF THEY
HAVE TO.

THE EXIT
TUNNEL
RUNS
STRAIGHT
TO THE
OUTSIDE
...

YOU
THINK
THEY
MIGHT
BEAT US
IN A FAIR
FIGHT?

PICK
CATCH

... WOULD
BE TO
SPRING
A TRAP.

I BELIEVE
THAT OUR
BEST OPTION
TO CATCH
AND WIPE
OUT ALL THE
VAMPAÑEZE

I
THINK
SO,
SIRE.

I SEE. SO
IT WOULD
BE DIFFICULT
TO CORNER
THEM.



DON'T
BELLOW
AT ME
IN THAT
TONE...



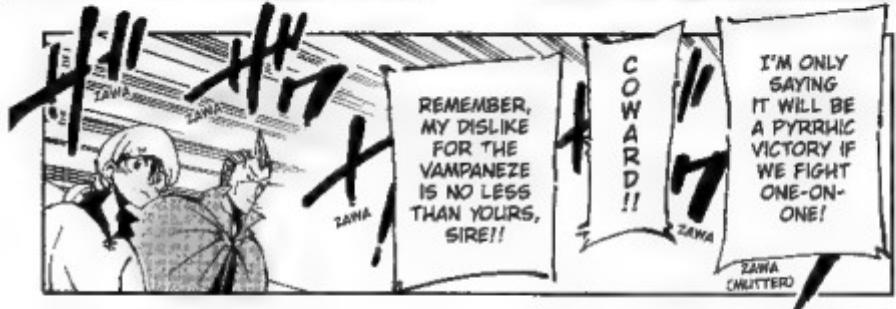
WOULD YOU
RATHER
WE WENT
DOWN WITH
A WHITE
FLAG AND
DISCUSSED
PEACE
TERMS?



REMEMBER,
MY DISLIKE
FOR THE
VAMPIANEZE
IS NO LESS
THAN YOURS,
SIRE!!

BOARD

I'M ONLY SAYING IT WILL BE A PYRRHIC VICTORY IF WE FIGHT ONE-ON-ONE!

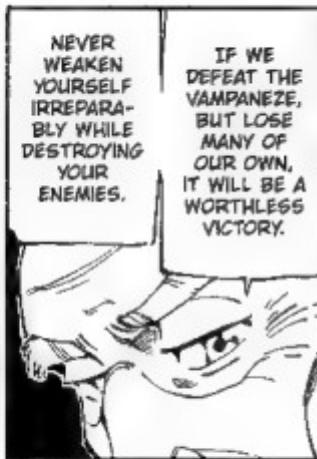


IT IS
THE
FIRST
RULE OF
WAR-
FARE.

NEVER
WEAKEN
YOURSELF
IRREPARA-
BLY WHILE
DESTROYING
YOUR
ENEMIES.

IF WE
DEFEAT THE
VAMPANEZE,
BUT LOSE
MANY OF
OUR OWN,
IT WILL BE A
WORTHLESS
VICTORY.

PYRRHIC
VICTORY?



IT IS
WHEN THE
PRICE OF
WINNING
IS TOO
HIGH.

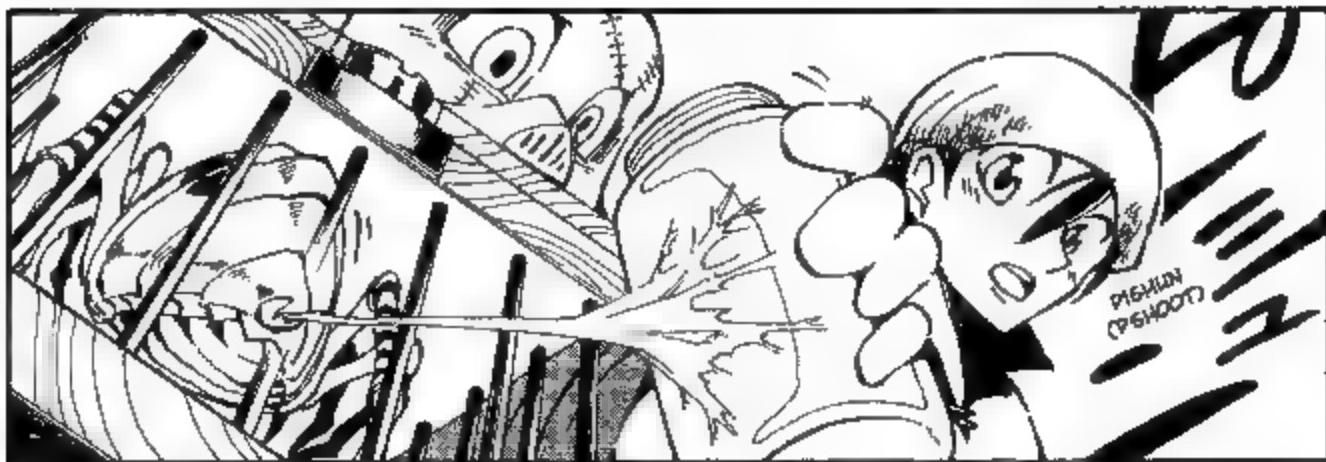


WE COULD
NOT ALLOW
OUR MEN TO
PERISH IN
NUMBER ALL
FOR THE
SAKE OF
HONOUR.

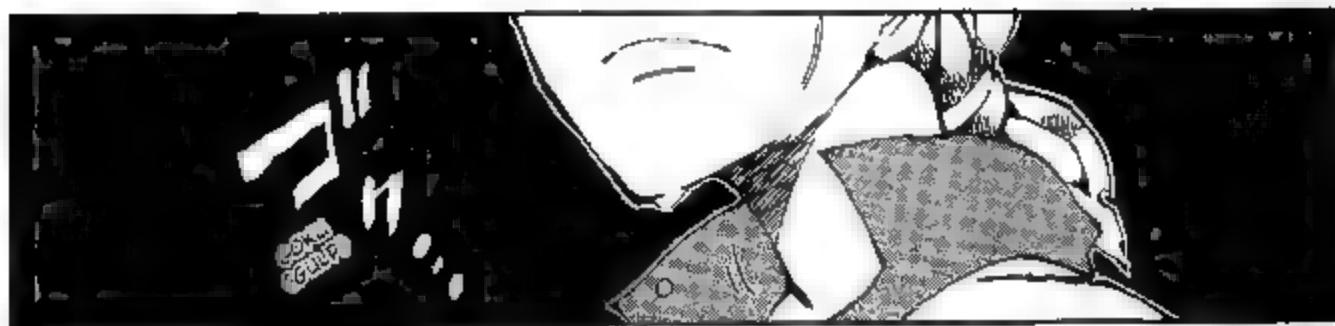
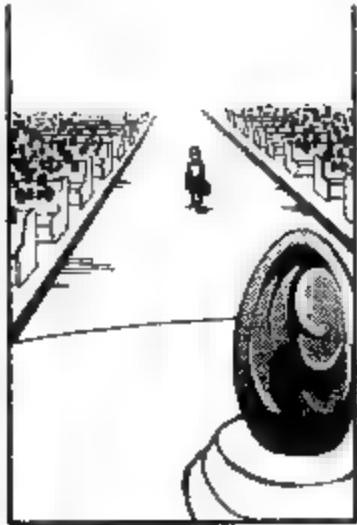
BUT
PRIDE
MUST BE
CHECKED
AND
REASON
OBEYED.

NOR
DO I.

THEY
DON'T
LIKE
THIS.









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EVEN
PARIS WAS
LAUGHING

HE
SAID THAT
THERE WAS
NO BETTER
SCHEME TO
WIPE OUT THE
VAMPANEZE.

DARREN,
THIS IS
EASILY
THE MOST
CUNNING
PLAN I
HAVE
HEARD IN
AGES.

CHAPTER 50: THE BATTLE BEGINS

LEAVE
THE
REST
TO US.

JUST
FOCUS
ON YOUR
PART OF
THE PLAN,
DARREN.

WOR-
RIED?
I'M
MORE
CON-
CERNED
FOR
YOUR
SAKE
...

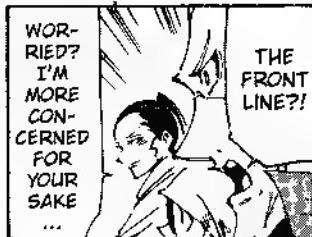
THE
FRONT
LINE?!

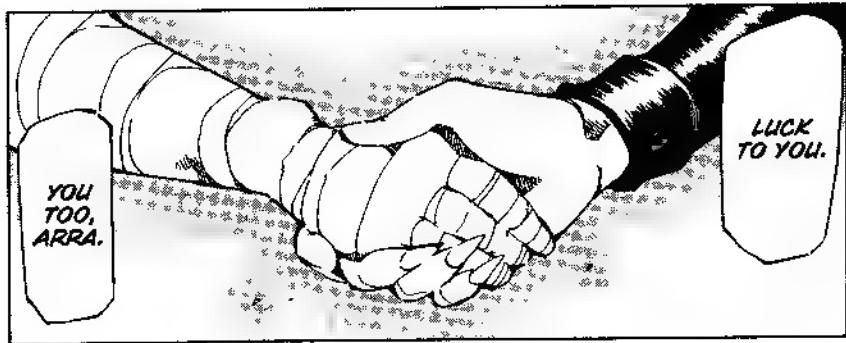
VANEZ AND
I ENLISTED
FOR ARROW'S
FIRST SQUAD.

ARE YOU
FIGHTING
TOO,
ARRA?

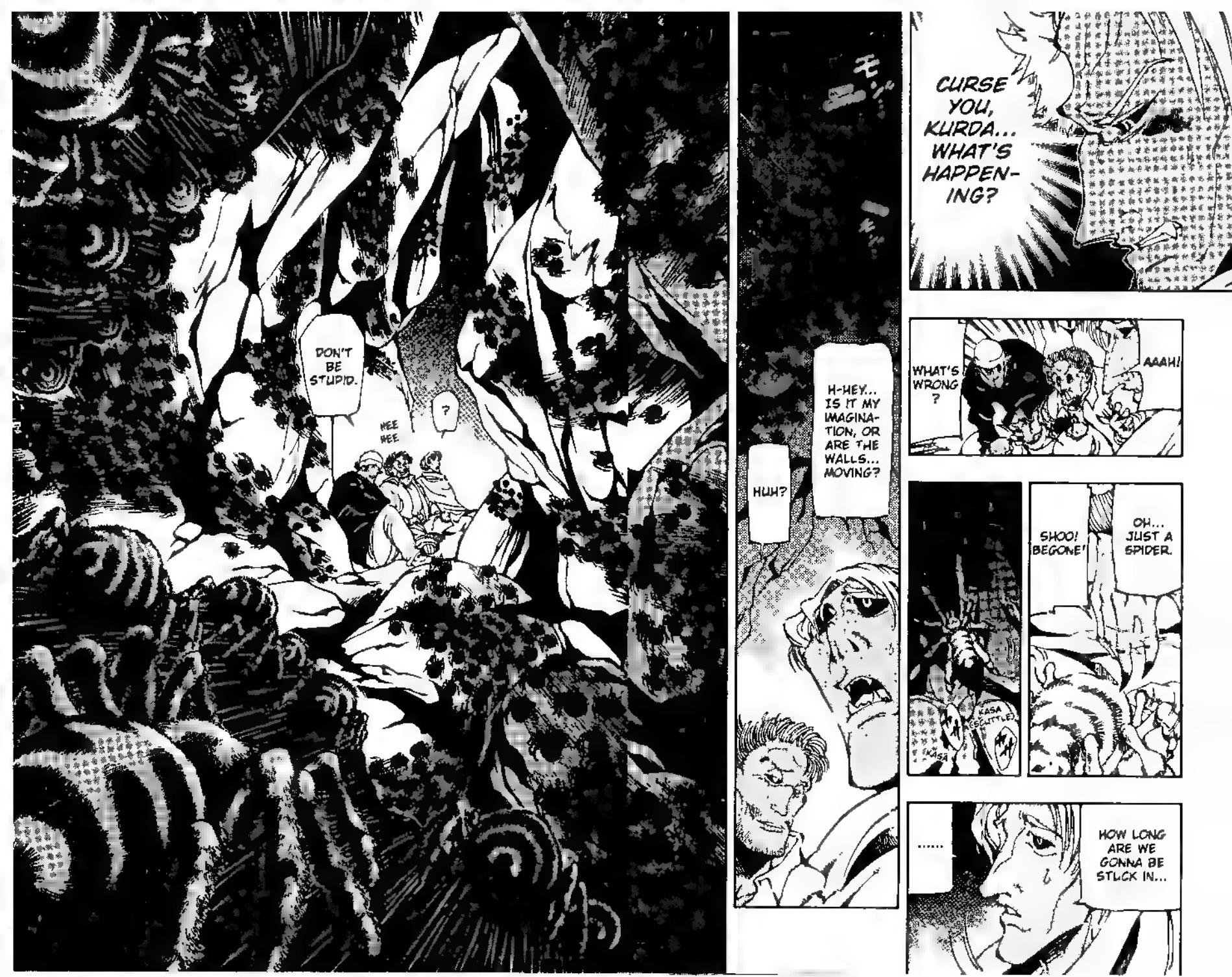
...
LAR-
TEN.

HAPPY.











TOO
MANY

ERIE
RE
OO
ANY
OF
EM!

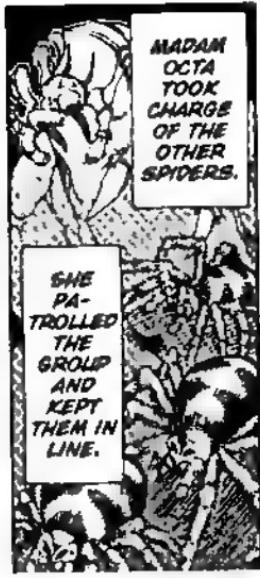


BITE!
ATTACK!



WORKING
TOGETHER TO
CONTROL ALL
THE SPIDERS
IN THE
MOUNTAIN,
MR. CREEPELEY,
SEBA, AND
I SET THE
CREATURES
UPON THE
VAMPANEZE!

THESE
WERE
SEBA'S
BA'HALEN
SPIDERS.
NO
ORDINARY
CAVE
ARACHNIDS.





...THE VAMPIRE WAR PARTY, LED BY NONE OTHER THAN PRINCE ARROW!



"I WANT TO
AVENGE
GARNER'S
DEATH TOO!"

"BUT
I CAN'T
BIT BACK
WHEN
EVERY-
ONE'S
FIGHTING."

"I KNOW
WE TWO
MAY BE
CARELESS."

"HERE
COMES
ONE
NOW!"

"DON'T
RUN!"

"HALT!"

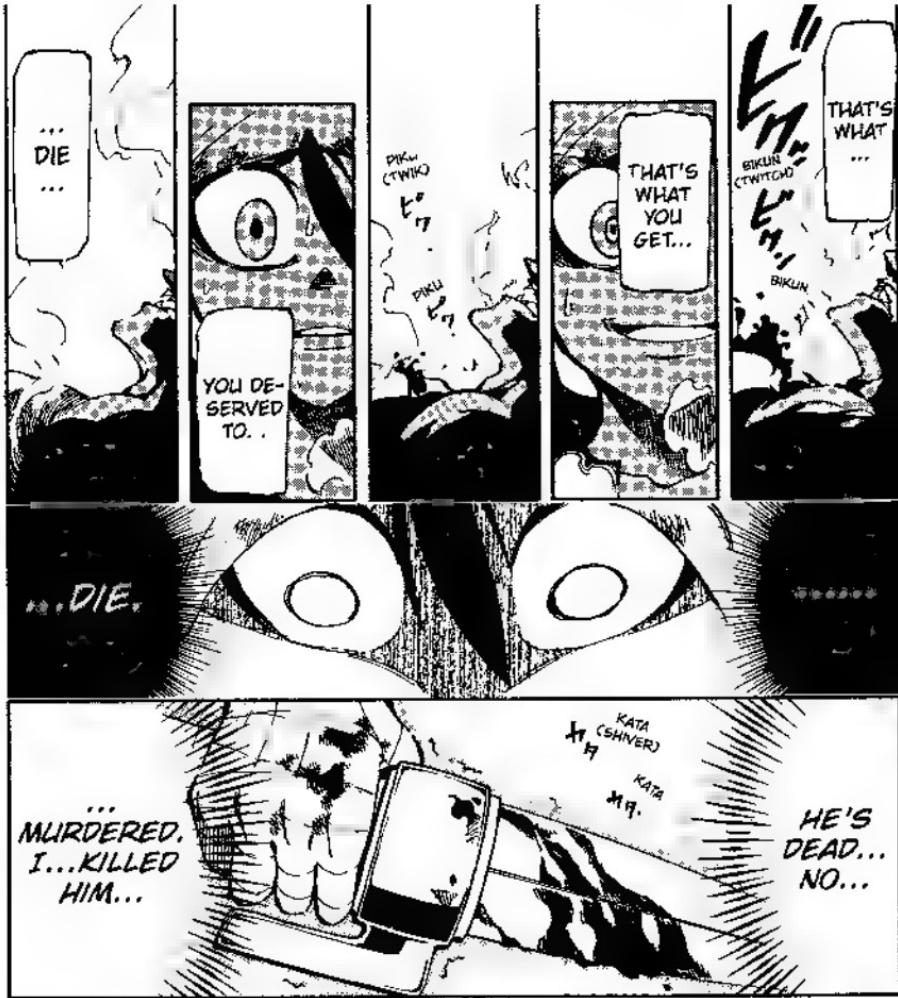
"GO BACK IN
THE TUNNEL
OR THE LIGHT
OF THE SUN
WILL KILL
YOU!"

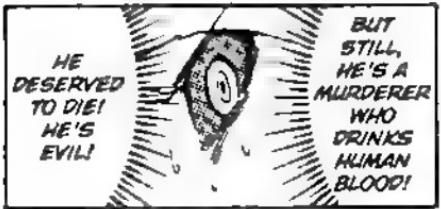
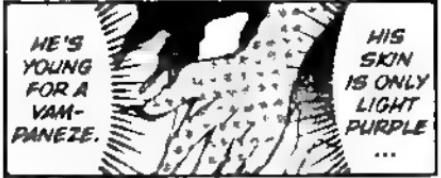
"STOP"



TH-
THAT'S
WHAT
YOU GET,
VAM-
PANEZE!







HOW DOES ONE
SEPARATE THE
RIGHT FROM WRONG
WHERE KILLING IS
CONCERNED?
YOU CAN'T...

BUT EITHER
WAY...I DON'T
HAVE THE RIGHT
TO DETERMINE
THAT.



IS IT
BECAUSE
I'M NOT
A FULL
VAMPIRE?

I CAN'T
FATHOM
WHAT'S
GOING
ON...

EVERY-
THING
LOOKS...
WRONG

THE
VAMPIRES
ARE SO
GHOULISHLY
SATISFIED
BY THIS
MASSACRE

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

I'VE
KILLED
ANOTHER
MAN, WHO
WAS SOME-
ONE ELSE'S
FRIEND, SON,
OR LOVER.

I'VE
DONE THE
SAME THING
AS KURDA,
WHOM I
CURSED SO
BITTERLY.

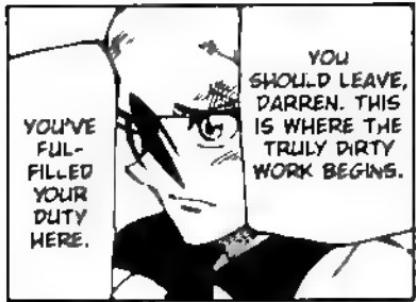
I CAN'T
TELL WHAT'S
RIGHT... FROM
WHAT'S WRONG.

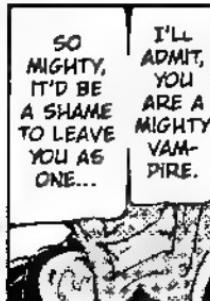
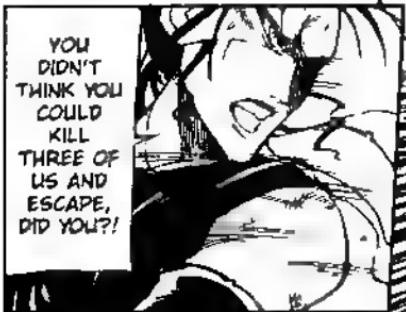
FURA /
CURED
ME

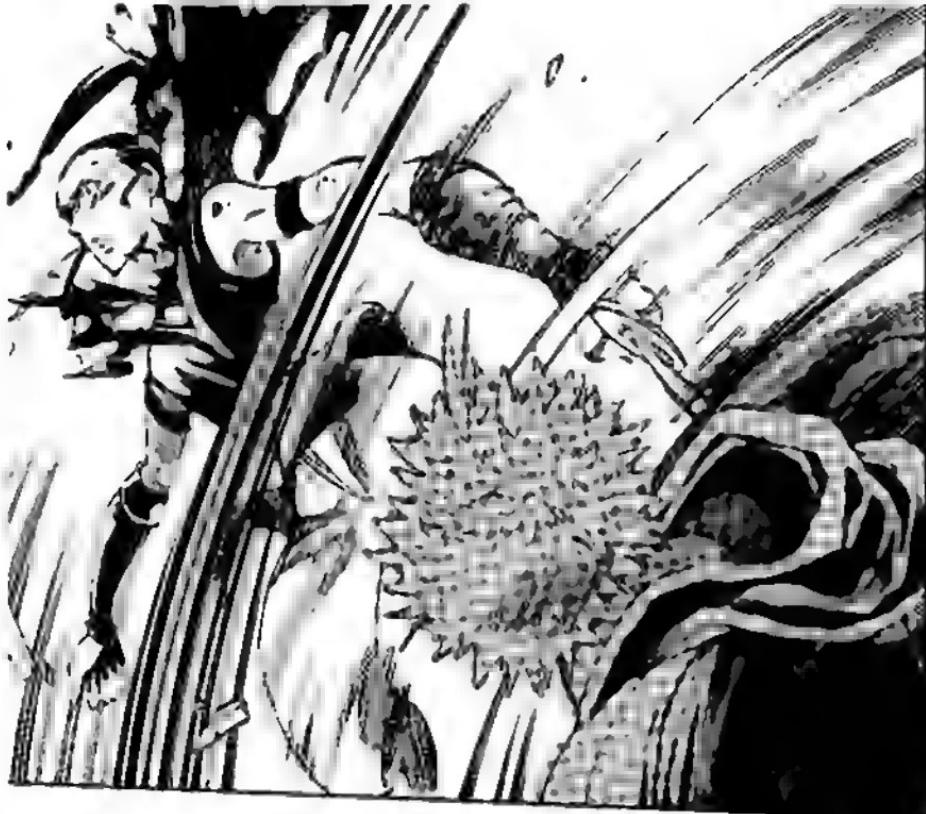
IT JUST
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE
ANYMORE.
KURDA.

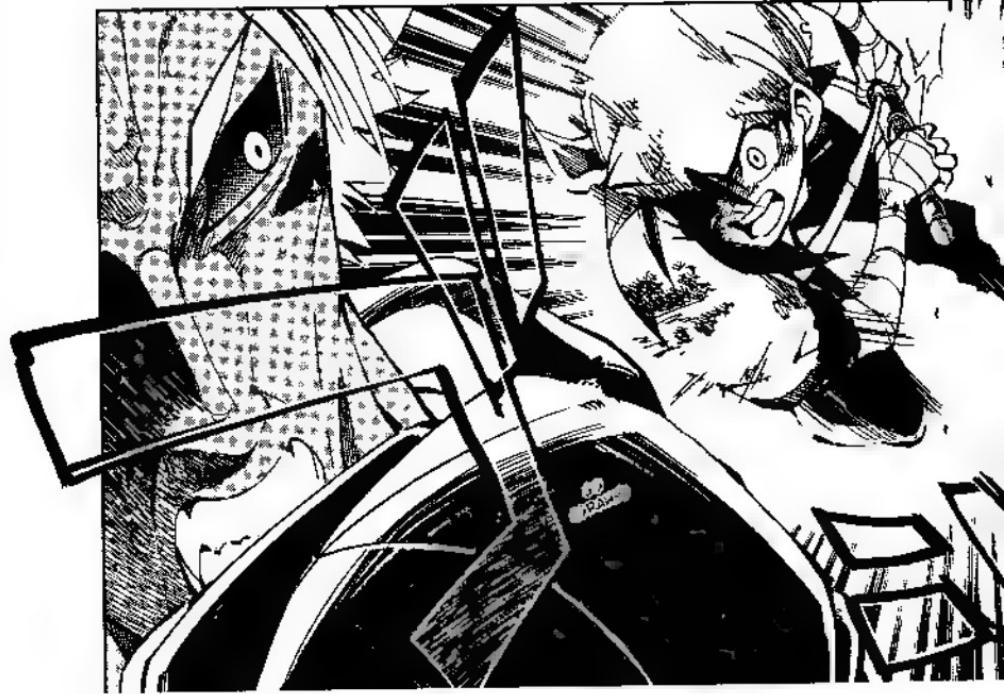














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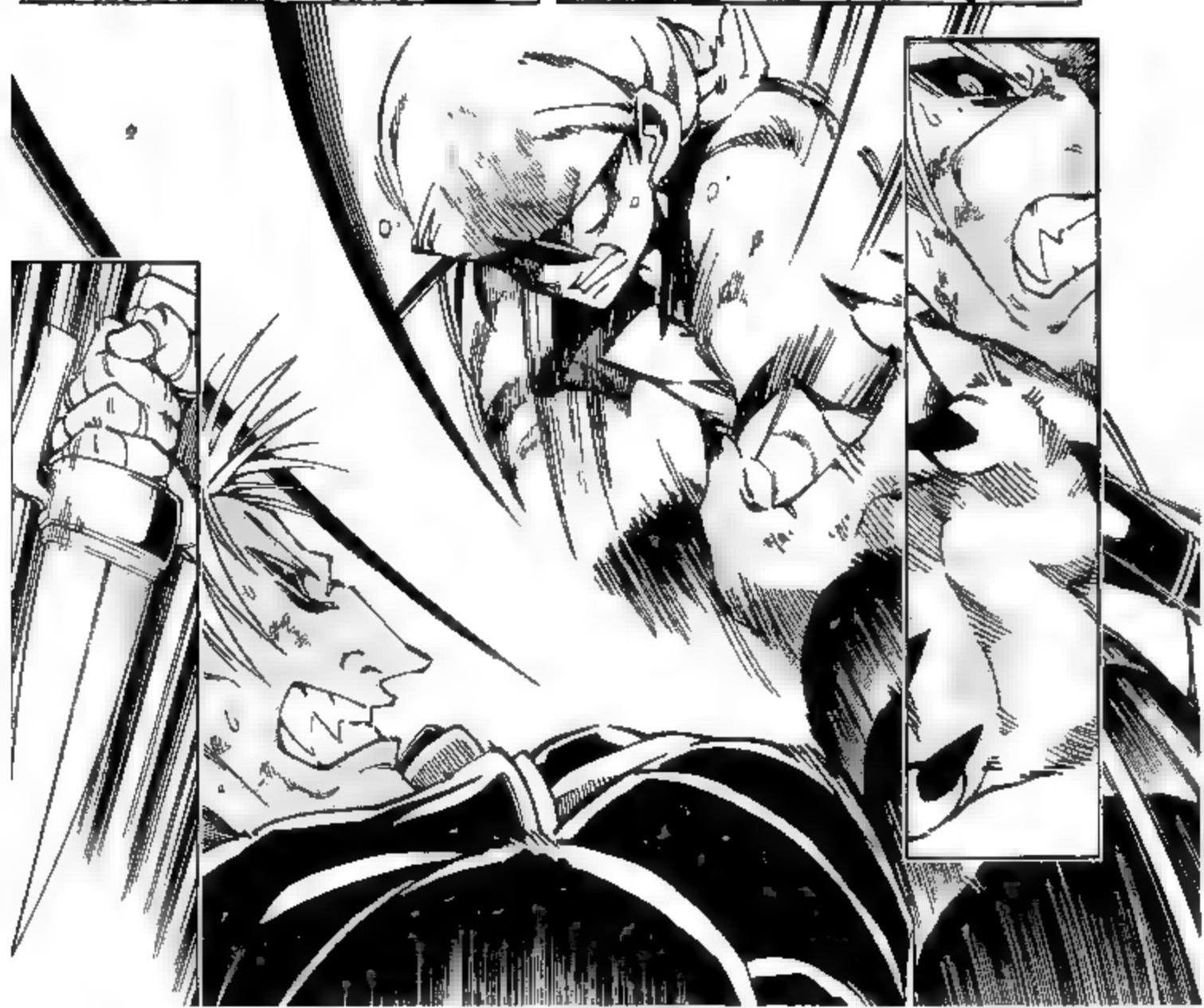


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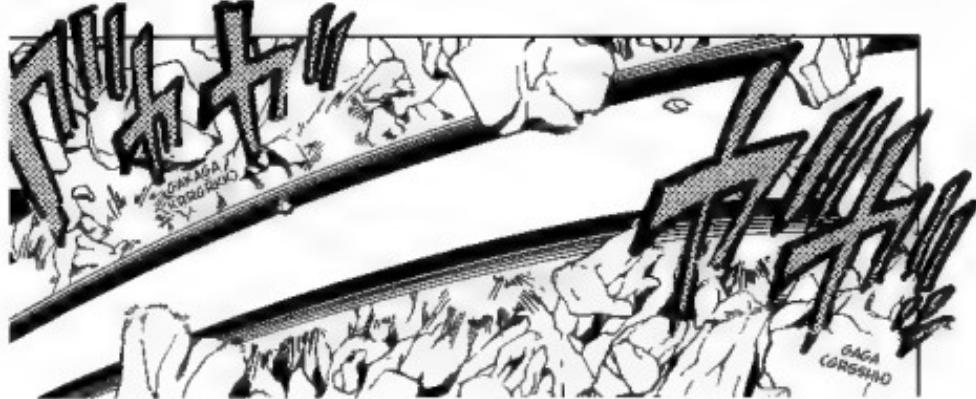




CHAPTER 51
LAST WILL

















YOU HAVE
GROWN...
SO MUCH
STRONGER...
SINCE THE
TRIALS...



DON'T
LET
THEM
KILL
HIM,
LARTEN
!!

YOU'LL
TELL
THEM...
WHAT I
SAID?

ARRA

TELL
THEM I
SAID...HE
SHOULD
BE SPARED
...

YOU'LL
PRO-
TECT
HIM...?

MR.
CREPS
—

YOU
CAN
TELL
THEM
YOUR-
SELF.



THE
REMAINING
VAMPIRE
CALMLY,
FIRMLY
STOOD
THEIR
GROUND.

AS THE
BATTLE
DREW TO A
CLOSE, THE
INTENSITY
ONLY GREW
HIGHER.

...HOW TO
WIN AND
HOW TO
DIE. THERE
WAS NO IN-
BETWEEN.

THEY
ONLY
KNEW
TWO
THINGS
...

BUT NOT
A ONE
OF THEM
WOULD
BOW AND
SURREN-
DER.

THE
OUT-
COME
WAS
CLEAR
TO ALL.

MAY THE
DEMONS
TAKE
YOU TO
HELL!!!!!!

I WOULD
NEVER
SURRENDER
TO A
VAMPIRE
!!!

ROGUE
COURAGE

VAMPIRE

NOW
IS THE
TIME TO
ACQUI-
ESCE!!

YOU HAVE
FOUGHT
VALIANT-
LY!!!

ROGUE
COURAGE

VAMPIRE

I WOULD
NEVER
SURRENDER
TO A
VAMPIRE
!!!

...AND THE
BATTLE HAD BEEN
WON
BY THE
VAMPIRES.

AND
WITH THAT,
THE LAST
VAMPANEZE
WAS KILLED



LARTEN IS DEVASTATED HE STILL LOVED HER. IT WILL BE HARD FOR HIM TO BEAR.

IT IS A GREAT SHAME ABOUT ARRA...

MANY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THIS FIGHT.

YOU SHOULD NOT SAY THAT.

EVERYONE FIGHTING AND DYING OVER THIS ...

IT'S ALL SO STUPID ...

WE DIDN'T NEED TO COME DOWN HERE AND CUT THEM TO PIECES!

WE COULD HAVE DRIVEN THEM OFF!

THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT STUPID!

WE DID NOT WISH FOR IT TO HAPPEN. OUR HAND WAS FORCED.

THIS BATTLE WAS HARSH, BUT UNAVOIDABLE.

EVEN I KILLED TWO OF THEM!
AND IT WAS MY PLAN THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR SO MUCH DEATH AND KILLING!











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CHAPTER 52: KURDA'S CONFESSION







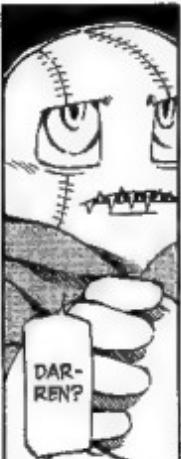
EVEN AFTER
SHE DIED,
SHE LAY THERE
FOR MINUTES,
SERENE IN
MY EMBRACE,
SMILING
BLANKLY
AT ME.

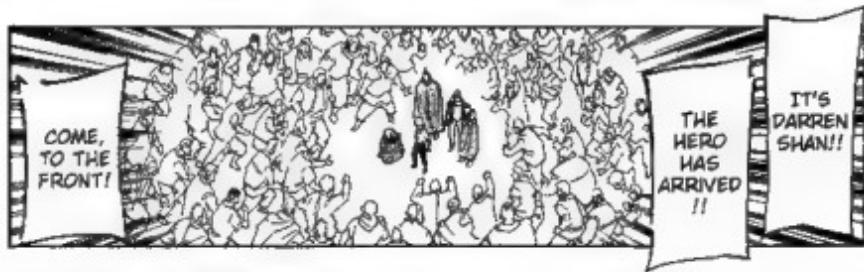
SHE
CLING
TO LIFE
AS LONG AS SHE
COULD.

SHE DID
NOT SAY
MUCH
ONCE SHE
LEFT THE
CAVE...















I PROVIDED THEM WITH COPIES OF MY MAPS.

I ARRANGED FOR THE VAMPANEZE TO COME.

KURDA SMAHLT !!

YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES WITH DEATH!

LET ME KILL HIM!

RAAHH !!!



NO,
JUST
THE
OPPO-
SITE.

IT
IS.

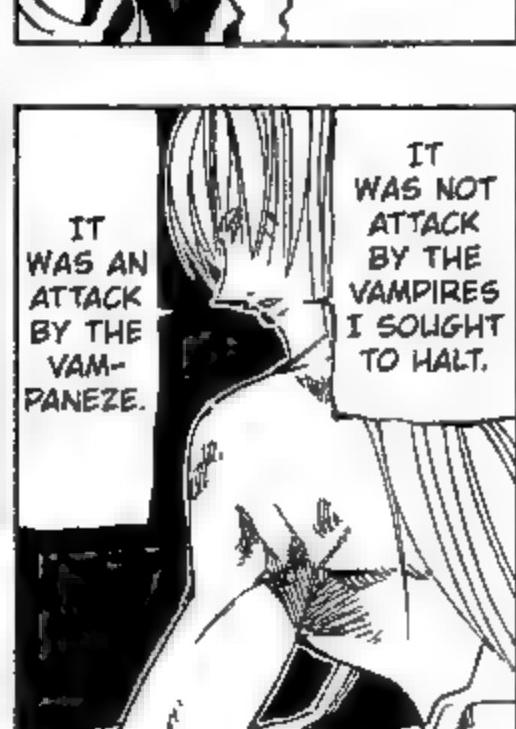
...TO
HELP THE
VAMPANEZE
SEIZE THE
STONE OF
BLOOD?
THAT YOU
PLANNED
TO SLIP
INTO THE
HALL OF
PRINCES

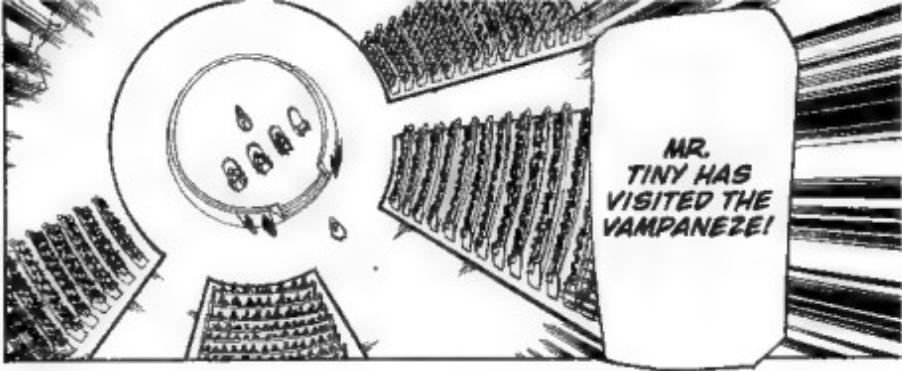
AND
THEN YOU
WOULD HAVE
SET ABOUT
GETTING RID
OF OUR
KIND.

I WOULD
HAVE SET
ABOUT
SAVING
THEM.



BECUSE
WE'D RUN
OUT OF
TIME!
IT WAS
NOW OR
NEVER!





WHAT?
THEY'RE
LOOKING
FOR THE
VAMPANEZE
LORD?

...AND
THAT THE
VAMPANEZE
SHOULD
SEARCH
FOR HIM.

ACCORDING
TO GLALDA,
MR. TINY HAD
SAID THE
VAMPANEZE
LORD WALKED
THE LANDS...

RIGHT
?

...IF OUR EFFORTS
BEAR FRUIT, MR.
TINY'S PROPHECY
CAN'T POSSIBLY
COME TRUE.

YOU
WORRY
TOO MUCH.
EVEN
IF IT'S
TRUE...

BUT
KURDA...

SURELY YOU
DON'T BELIEVE
IN THAT MYTH,
GLALDA!

BUT I
WAS
NAÏVE...

YES
...
THAT'S
RIGHT.

WE
BELIEVED
THAT IF WE
COULD BRIDGE
THE GAP
BETWEEN BOTH
RACES, WE
COULD AVOID
THE WORST.

GLALDA
AND I
STEPPED
UP OUR
EFFORTS
TO MAKE
PEACE.

...
PREPARING
FOR THEIR
FABLED
LEADER'S
COMING.

THE
VAMPANEZE
HAVE BEEN
STRENGTH-
ENING
THEIR
ARSENALS
AND
RECRUITING
VIGOROUSLY

HOWEVER!

NOW THE
VAM-
PANEZE
LORD HAS
COME!!!!



THE
VAM-
PANEZE
LORD!

THE
...





EVEN IN
DEATH, MAY
YOU BE
TRIUMPHANT
!!!





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EVERY VAMPIRE IN THIS HALL—IN THIS WORLD—IS DAMNED!!!

THE VAMPANEZE LORD WILL BE BLOODED, TAKE HIS PLACE AMONG THEM, LEAD THEM AGAINST US, AND HE'LL WIN!

OOO CRAAHO

CHAPTER 53: JUDGEMENT

THEN HE OPENED HIS MOUTH
...

... GLITTERED IN THE CORNERS OF HIS SAD, BLUE EYES.

ANGRY, DESOLATE TEARS
...

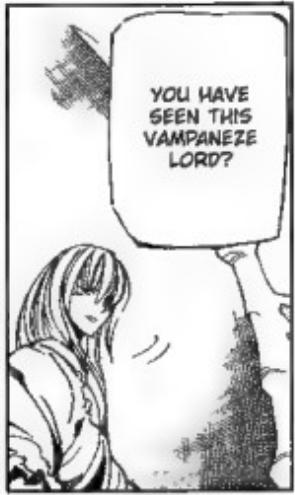
AND THEN KURDA'S EYES FOUND MINE.

EVEN IN DEATH, MAY YOU BE TRIUMPHANT
...

...AND CROAKED SARCASTICALLY
...



CHAPTER 53: JUDGEMENT



IF ONE WHO IS DESTINED TO LEAD THE VAMPANEZE LIES WITHIN THE COFFIN, HE WILL EMERGE UNSCATHED. OTHERWISE, HE PERISHES IN THE FLAMES.

THE COFFIN HAS BEEN GUARDED BY A TROOP OF VAMPANEZE WHO CALL THEMSELVES THE CARRIERS OF DESTINY.

IT IS A TRIAL BY FIRE.

BUT SIX MONTHS AGO...

...AND DIED.

OVER THE DECADES, MANY VAMPANEZE HAVE BRAVED THE COFFIN ...

...A HUMAN LAY DOWN IN IT...
...FACED THE FLAMES, AND CAME OUT WHOLE.

IT IS HE WHO WILL BE THE LORD OF THE VAMPANEZE ...



BUT IT'S PREFERABLE TO ANNIHILATION.

I FIGURED YOU WOULD SAY THAT.

I'D RATHER DIE THAN DO ANY SUCH THING!

KURDA
...

HU CHIEN

EVEN IF YOU ALL HAD CHOSEN TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH, AT LEAST I'D HAVE TRIED.

MANY AMONG THEM WISH TO AVOID A WAR, AS DO I.

THEY MADE NO OFFERS.

WHAT WAS IN IT FOR YOU, KURDA? DID THE VAMPANEZE PROMISE YOU A TITLE? ONE GREATER THAN PRINCE?

... SPARING THEIR COL-LEAGUES AND FRIENDS.

THEY HOPED TO PREVENT TOTAL, ALL-OUT CONFLICT
...

THAT'S WHY THIRTY-EIGHT AGREED TO ACCOMPANY ME ON THIS MISSION.

SUKU LOSSES

... LIKE VERMIN.

THEY WERE VOLUNTEERS, BRAVE MEN WHOM YOU KILLED...





THAT'S LIFE.

I TOOK A CHANCE, AND IT DIDN'T PAN OUT.

BUT THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE OUTWEIGHED ANY INDIVIDUAL.

IT WAS NOT MY WISH TO SHED BLOOD.

MY ONE REAL SOURCE OF SORROW WAS THAT I HAD TO KILL GAVNER PURL.

...IF IT MEANT SAFEGUARDING THE LIVES OF THE REST.

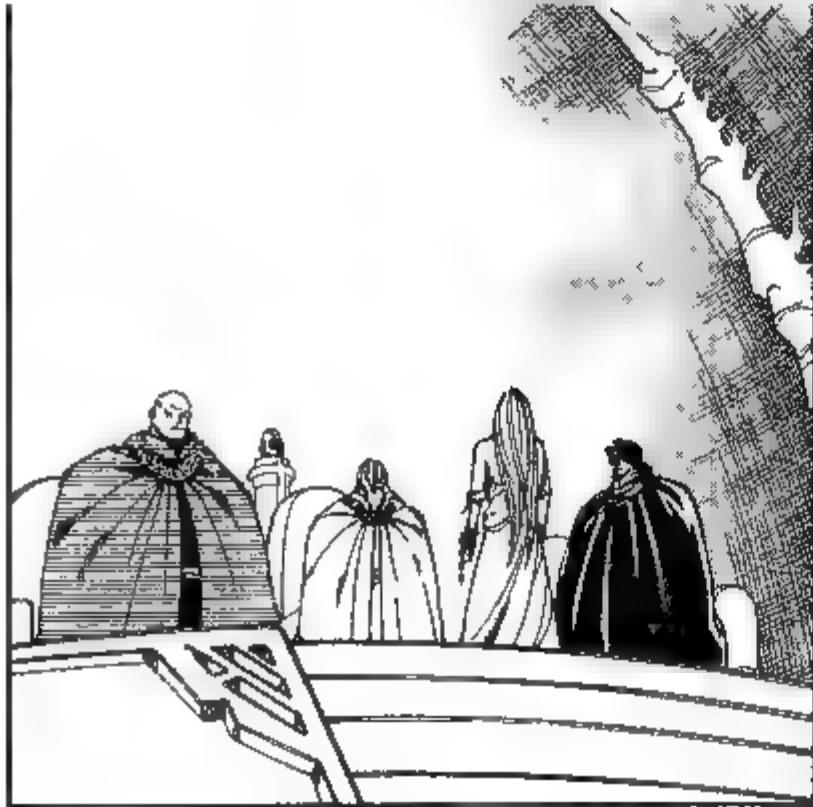
I'D HAVE KILLED A DOZEN MORE LIKE GAVNER IF I HAD TO. EVEN A HUNDRED...

SU CORD

WHY, KLURDA ...?

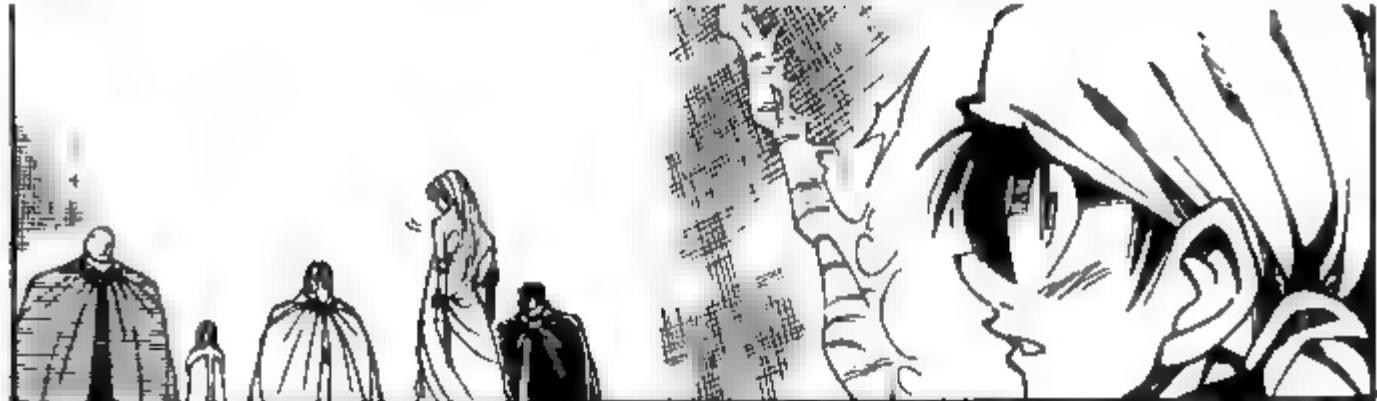
BUT IF THAT WAS THE CASE, WHY SAVE ME?

EVEN AT THE RISK OF RUINING THE ENTIRE PLAN...











IT SEEMS
THERE IS NO
OPPOSITION
TO THE
VERDICT.



14



I DIDN'T LEARN THIS UNTIL LATER, WHEN SEBA TOLD ME.

ZAWA CALIFALIUD...

...WERE THE SIGN AMONG VAMPIRES FOR A TRAITOR OR ONE OF BAD STANDING.

THE THREE UGLY RED MARKS DRAWN ON KURDA'S CHEST...

NO ONE WILL... SPEAK ILL... OF HIM NOW.

KURDA WAS... A VERY STRONG MAN.

YOU... SHOULDN'T FEEL BAD.

NO...

YOU WON'T BE PRESENT AT... KURDA'S EXECUTION?

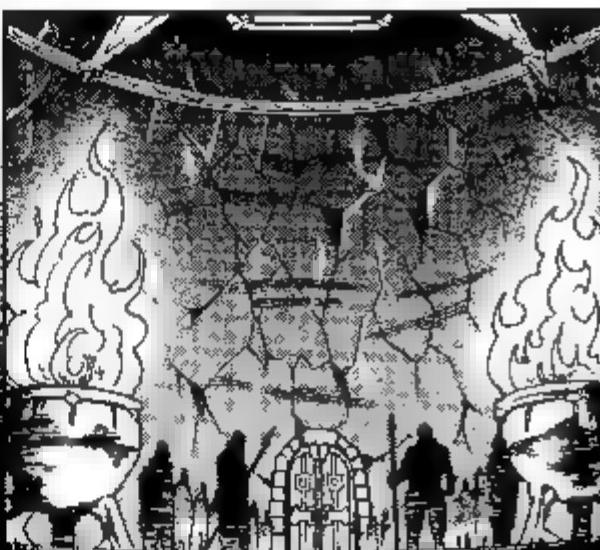
I KNOW.

HE WAS TRUE... TO HIS VALUES.

DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?

I WISH THAT IN THE LONG AND PAINFUL NIGHTS AHEAD

...YOU WILL REMEMBER THE SACRIFICE THAT I MADE.



...TO BE
HONOURED
AFTER
THEIR
DEATHS.

...I WOULD
LIKE FOR MY
TWO FALLEN
ASSISTANTS
AND THIRTY-
EIGHT
COMRADES

...THAT
ALL I
DID WAS
FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
PEOPLE.

I HOPE
THAT YOU WILL
UNDER-
STAND AND
ACCEPT

AND IF
POSSIBLE

ALAS, I
CANNOT
GRANT THAT
LAST
WISH.

RULES
ARE
RULES.







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...I'D HAVE STUMBBLED AROUND IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD UNTIL I MET A NOBLE END, AS IS A BLIND VAMPIRE'S WAY.

NO. ANY OTHER TIME...

WHAT HAPPENS NOW, VANEZ? WILL YOU LEAVE VAMPIRE MOUNTAIN?

CHAPTER 54: CEREMONY OF BLOOD

SEBA AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING OUR KIND FROM HERE!

I CAN STILL MAKE MYSELF USEFUL AROUND HERE.

BUT THE COMING OF THE VAMPANEZE LORD HAS CHANGED ALL OF THAT.

I'M AFRAID MY RETIREMENT HAS BEEN PUT ON HOLD.

YOU TOO, SEBA?

BUT THE ISSUE OF DARREN'S SENTENCING STILL REMAINS.

IT IS A MORE PRESSING CONCERN AT THIS TIME.

PERHAPS MIKA HAS ALREADY ASKED ME ABOUT STAYING

...AND PERHAPS RESUMING MY OFFICIAL GENERAL DUTIES.

DOES THAT MEAN THE QUARTERMASTER JOB OFFER NO LONGER STANDS?

...BUT I AM SURE THE PRINCES WILL FIND SOME USE FOR YOU.

I AM AFRAID IT DOES.

I AM SURE HE WILL BE PARDONED.

NO, MIKA PROMISED TO REOPEN THE DEBATE AFTER THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

THE PRINCES HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED HIS FATE?

I PROMISED ARR A I WOULD NOT LET DARREN BE KILLED!

THEN ALTER THEM THEY SHALL!

THE PRINCES WOULD HAVE TO ALTER THE LAWS IN ORDER TO SPARE DARREN'S LIFE.

I HOPE SO. BUT LARTEN, SURELY YOU KNOW ...

MR. CREPSLEY.

HI, EVERYONE.

...THAT HE HAD EARNED THE RIGHT TO LIFE.

SHE SAID, IN HER DYING BREATH ...









THANKS
FOR ALL
YOU DID...
TO SAVE
MY LIFE.

HERE'S
YOUR KNIFE
BACK,
GAVNER.



...WERE
CRE-
MATED,
ONE BY
ONE.

AFTER
HIM, THE
VAMPIRES WHO WERE
KILLED IN
THE BATTLE
WITH THE
VAMPANEZE



AND
THEN IT
WAS ARRAS
TURN TO
BE CARRIED
INTO THE
CHAMBER.



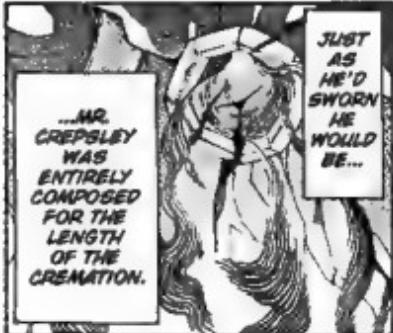
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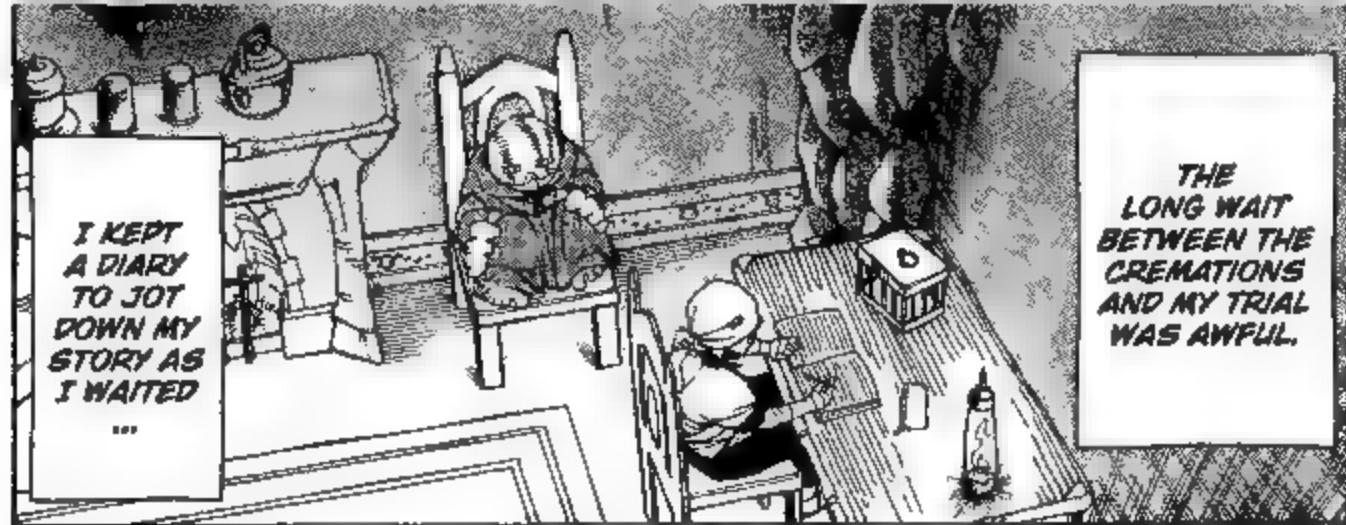
...ALMOST
AS IF IT
WERE
GAYNER'S
SPIRIT
DEPARTING.

...THE
SMOKE
RISING AND
SLIPPING THROUGH
THE CRACKS
IN THE
CEILING...

THERE WAS
SOMETHING STRANGELY
CONFORTING
IN WATCHING
THE FLAMES
ENGULF
GAYNER...

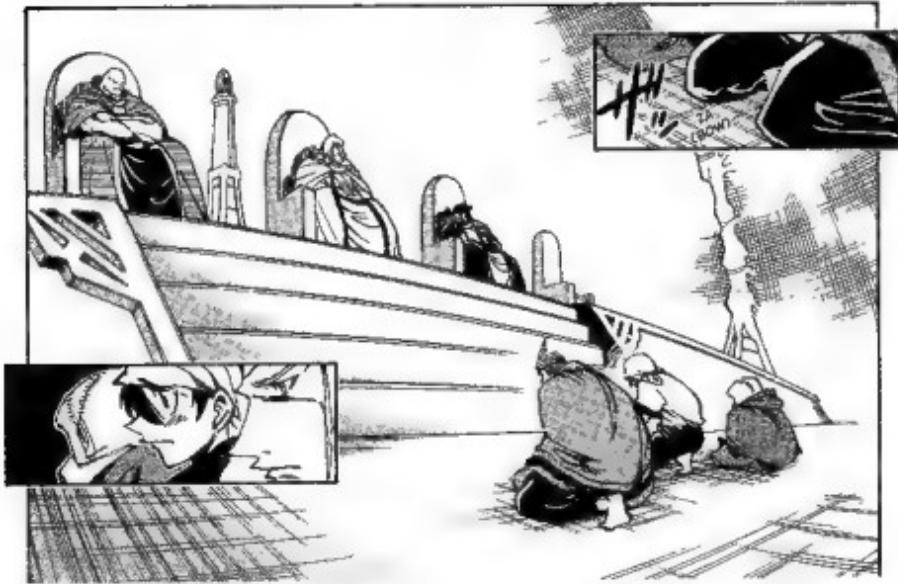
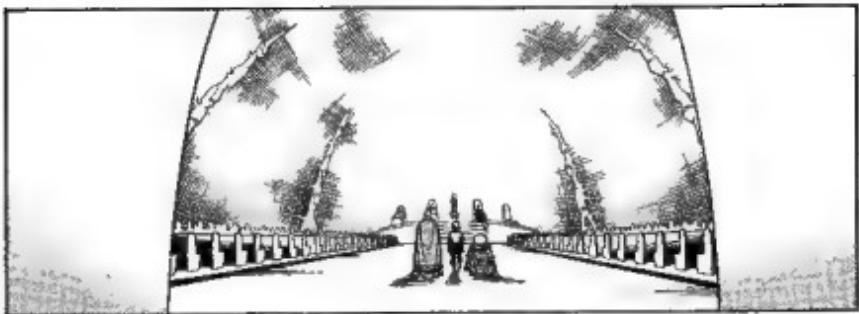
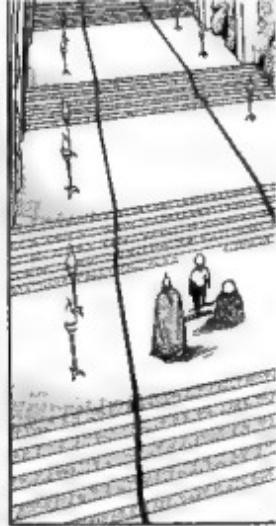






ME TOO.
I WON'T
LET... THEM
DO ANY-
THING...
CRAZY TO
YOU.

BE BRAVE.
IF ANYTHING
HAPPENS, I
SHALL COME
TO YOUR AID.







...BUT
AFTER
LENGTHY
DEBATE,
WE HAVE
DECIDED
AGAINST
ALTERING
OUR LAWS.



SFX: SHRIEK (SHIVER)



THE
SAME
GOES...
FOR
ME...



DARREN
RISKED HIS
LIFE FOR
YOU, AND
NOW YOU
WOULD
SENTENCE
HIM TO
DEATH?
NEVER!



HEAR
PARIS OUT
SELF-
CONTROL
LARTEN.
UNTIL THE
FINISH.



I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. HOW CAN DARREN BE SAVED WITHOUT CHANGING THE LAW ?!

AN... HONOURABLE WAY?

IT SUDDENLY SURFACED IN THE OCEAN OF MY BRAIN, LIKE A FISH.

I DON'T KNOW HOW I THOUGHT OF IT.

ARROW WAS THE FIRST TO SUGGEST AN HONOURABLE WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA.

WHO AMONG US ARE IMMUNE TO PUNISHMENT? WHO COULD FAIL THE TRIALS AND WALK AWAY UNTouched?

USE YOUR HEAD, LARTEN.

WE NEED NOT BEND OR CHANGE LAWS TO SUIT DARREN'S PURPOSES. WE NEED ONLY PLACE HIM ABOVE THEM.

HE'S EARNED THE RIGHT TO BEAR THE TITLE. MORE THAN ANY OF US HERE, PERHAPS, HE IS WORTHY.

THAT DOES NOT MATTER! WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN THE FINE PRINT.

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

MR. CREPSLEY?

YOU CANNOT MEAN ...?

ABOVE THE LAW ...?

HE IS NOT A GENERAL! HE IS NOT EVEN A FULL VAMPIRE!

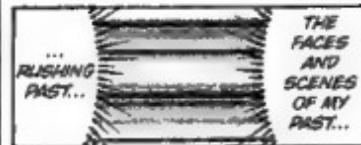
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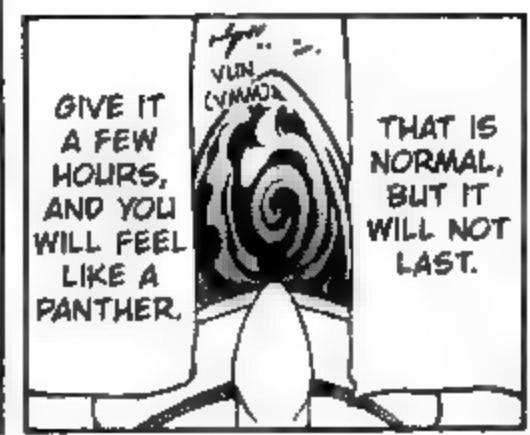
HE IS TOO YOUNG!

HA (GASP)











DO NOT THINK YOU CAN PUSH ME AROUND, NOW THAT YOU ARE A PRINCE.



THEN THE FACES BLURRED

...LISTENING NUMBLY AS THEY CHANTED MY NAME

EVERY ONE OF THEM CHEERING FOR ME... DARREN SHAN... THE VAMPIRE PRINCE!

THE VAMPIRE PRINCE - END



A QUICK GUIDE TO
THE STORY OF THE
CIRQUE DU FREAK
MANGA VERSION

(SORT OF!!)

PART 6!!!!

REST IN
PEACE.

SO, AS I
HINTED AT IN
THE PREVIOUS
VOLUME, THIS
SPECIAL EPILOGUE
WILL COVER THE
AUTHOR DARREN
SHAN'S VISIT TO
JAPAN.

TUG
THE
ZIPPER
UP!
HURRY!

ALMOST
THERE! I'M
ALMOST
INSIDE!



MUGGY
CHUBBIES

ARE YOU
GONNA
FIT IN YER
HUMAN
SUIT, BRO?

DARREN-
SAN
VISITS
JAPAN!!

AND I
BROUGHT A
DECENT GIFT

I HAD
FIT INTO
MY HUMAN
SUIT AND
PUT UP AN
ACCEPTABLE
APPEARANCE.

IN ORDER
TO MEET
DARREN-SAN
BEFORE HIS
AUTOGRAPH
SIGNING

ONE JULY DAY,
I TRAVELED TO
THE SHOGAKUKAN
BUILDING IN
THE JINBO
NEIGHBORHOOD
OF TOKYO...

"I'M G-GLAD
TO SEEEE
YOU."

BURU
ISHIVERD

BURU
ISHIVERD

I HAD EVEN
BEEN UP LATE
AT NIGHT
PRACTICING
MY ENGLISH
GREETINGS TO
MAKE A GOOD
IMPRESSION.

DONI
OBADWHO

H+

I RAN OVER MY FIRST INTRODUCTION OVER AND OVER IN MY HEAD IT WOULDN'T DO TO LEAVE A BAD FIRST IMPRESSION

DARREN-SAN WAS ALREADY IN THE MEETING ROOM

AND THEN IT WAS SHOWTIME.

I HAD A QUICK MEETING ABOUT WHAT TO SAY TO DARREN-SAN BEFORE I MET HIM.

E EXCUSE.

GAGA COCO COCO

AND THEN

Too nervous to remember any of it

DARREN

CORPORATION

RN

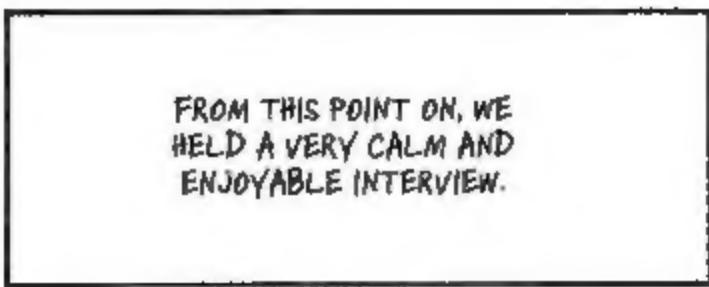
DARREN



THE AURA DARREN-SAN PROJECTED WAS SO POWERFUL, I WAS INSTANTLY PUSHED ABOUT 2.3 INCHES BACKWARD

SURRI CENGOOGO

MEEEEEEEEE!!!



HE WAS GENTLE AND KIND, AND HIS BOYISH EYES LEFT A STRONG IMPRESSION ON ME.



BUT IT WAS WHEN WE DISCUSSED HIS STORY-MAKING POLICIES AND HABITS THAT I WAS TRULY AMAZED. FOR BEING A MAN WITH SUCH SPECIFIC DETAILS AND DESIRES, HE WAS VERY FORGIVING AND EASY-GOING WITH THE PROCESS OF PRODUCING A MANGA EDITION.

I DIDN'T SEE HIM EAT MANY VEGETABLES THAT NIGHT.



NO WONDER HE WRITES ABOUT VAMPIRES FOR A LIVING!



HIS FAVOURITE FOOD IS A TYPE OF BLOOD SAUSAGE BACK IN ENGLAND, IT WAS CALLED "BLACK PUDDING"... I THINK?

AFTER THAT, WE WENT OUT TO DINNER WITH SOME STAFF AND RELATED DIGNITARIES.

TLL
TEREREEEN (TA-DA-DA)

An incredibly deluxe dinner two different kinds of hot pot!!



IT WAS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE, IF ONLY FOR A FEW HOURS.

MAYBE IF I LICK IT, I'LL HAVE HIS TALENT TOO...

OOOOOH!!



Due to a little accident when he was giving me an autograph, my copy got a bit of his own blood on it!!

DARREN-SAN IS HARD AT WORK ON HIS "DEMONATA" SERIES, SHORT STORIES, AND EVEN A MOVIE...

HOWEVER, ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO SAW THE PHOTO OF ME THAT RAN WITH THE INTERVIEW SAID, "YOU LOOK OLDER," OR, "YOU SHOULD EAT A BIT HEALTHIER, LAY OFF ALL THAT MEAT." NOT SURE HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE TEXT OF OUR INTERVIEW WAS PRINTED ON DELUXE COLOUR PAGES IN THE PAGES OF WEEKLY SHONEN SUNDAY TWO MONTHS LATER!

I'M SURE THAT SOME OF YOU READING THIS MANGA WERE PRESENT AT THE SIGNING TOO.

GOMOKU
GENROKU

...DARREN-SAN HAD ANOTHER AUTOGRAPH SIGNING THE NEXT DAY.



THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DARREN-SAN, THE FOLKS FROM THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, OTHER DIGNITARIES, AND ALL OF THE READERS FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN.



NOW THAT DARREN HAS SHOCKINGLY BEEN PROMOTED TO VAMPIRE PRINCE, WHAT MIGHT FATE HAVE IN STORE FOR HIM?
I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME 7!!

HEH HEH HEH...

WHAT HAPPENS NOW, MR. CREEPSLEY?

WHILE I FEEL ENORMOUS GRATITUDE AT WHAT I'VE ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR, I ALSO FEEL SAD THAT THERE'S ONLY HALF LEFT TO TELL.

SO, AT THIS POINT, THE MANGA EDITION HAS COVERED PRECISELY HALF OF THE ORIGINAL STORY.

■ The End ■



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